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Do you support the local government's plan to issue two-year "umbrella permits" to alien workers with legal status in the CNMI?

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UN Inspection

A team of U.N. inspectors went to Iran on Saturday to visit a recently revealed nuclear site, amid new efforts to curb Iran's nuclear program.

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DHS to issue interim worker rules as CNMI gives umbrella permits

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Fitial

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's interim final rule on the CNMI-only transitional worker program will be on public display on Monday (Washington, D.C. time) and will be on the Federal Register on Tuesday, about the same time when the CNMI Department of Labor plans to issue up to 11,000 transitional conditional permits or "umbrella permits" to the first batch of eligible nonresident workers.

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'Two-year umbrella permit not for entry, exit purposes'

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Buckingham

A special forum on the controversial two-year umbrella permit that will be issued by the government clarified that the permit is not designed to facilitate the holders' entry and exit to the Commonwealth.

This was among the revelations made by CNMI Attorney General Ed Buckingham, Micronesian Legal Services director and attorney Jane Mack,

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Alleged intoxicated driver kills pedestrian

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A construction worker died when he crossed Monsignor Martinez Road in As Lito and was hit by a speeding vehicle allegedly driven by an intoxicated woman on Saturday night.

The Department of Public Safety is expected to release today, Monday, information

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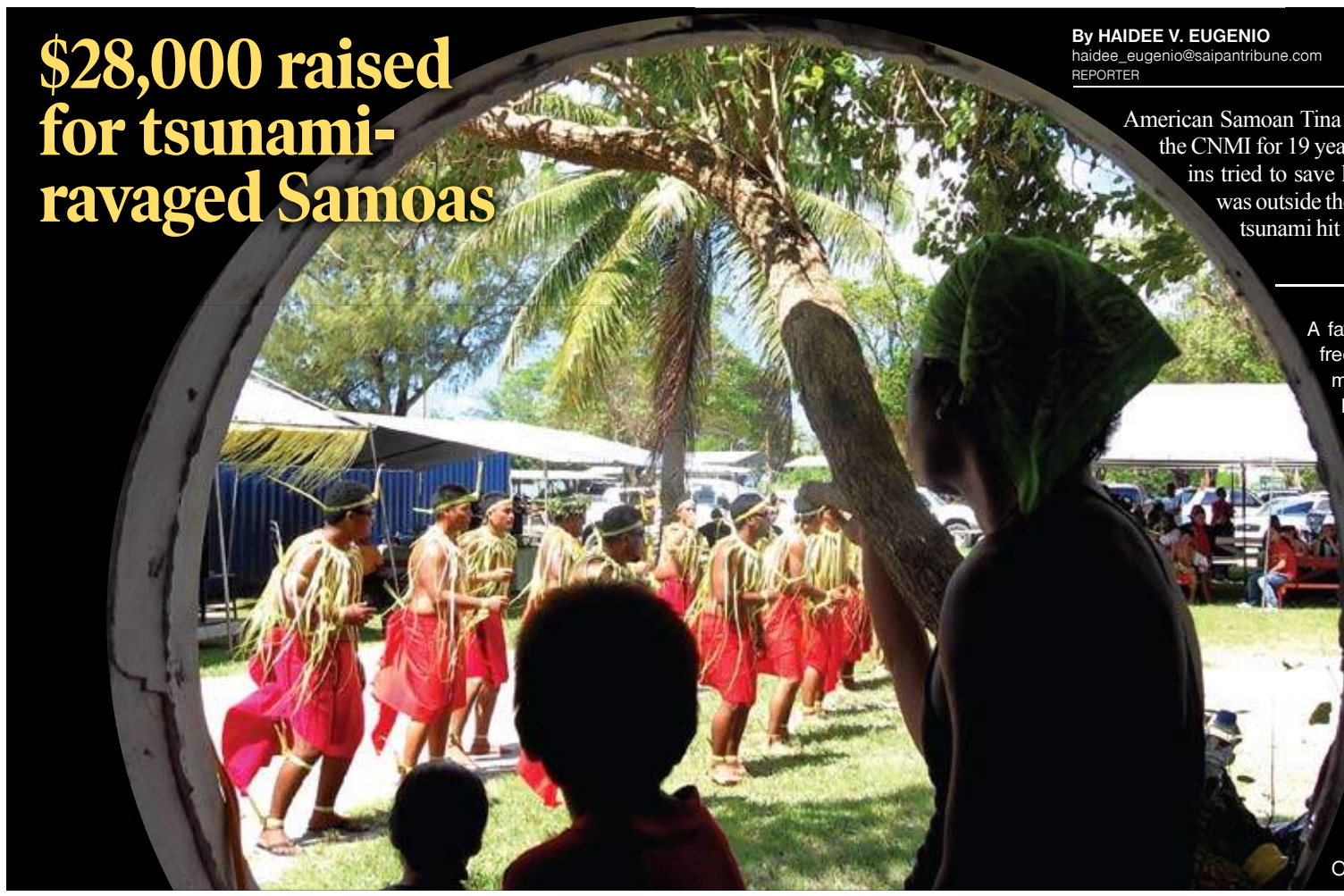
$28,000 raised for tsunami-ravaged Samoas



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American Samoan Tina Passi, who has been in the CNMI for 19 years, said one of her cousins tried to save her 4-year-old son who was outside their home when a second tsunami hit the Samoas on Sept. 29.

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A father and son watch the free cultural dance performances at the Garapan Fishing Base on Saturday, during the 6am to 6pm telethon and live entertainment that collected over $25,304, bringing to $28,017.94 the amount raised so far for the victims and survivors of the Sept. 29 earthquake and tsunamis in American Samoa and Samoa. The CNMI Tsunami Relief Drive for Samoa will be collecting cash and in-kind donations until Oct. 31.

Local

JAPANESE FESTIVAL
A woman in traditional Japanese costume reacts as she beats the drum during the annual Japanese autumn festival at the Garapan Central Park on Saturday. The festival drew hundreds of children and adults who were treated to hours of live dance performances, food, games, and other merchandise.
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'Pattern in Govendo's use of racial insensitive language'

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The investigating judge appointed by the CNMI Supreme Court has noted a pattern in Superior Court associate judge Kenneth Govendo's use of racial insensitive language in his courtroom.

"Unfortunately, Judge Govendo has on multiple occasions used racially insensitive language," according to retired Guam Superior Court judge Richard Benson.

Govendo

Benson said private admonition would suffice for a single incident, but more stringent discipline is appropriate where a pattern of such conduct exists.

But Govendo, in his response to the complaint filed by Superior Court associate judge Ramona V. Manglona, asserted that Manglona was appalled by his statements and "has severely overreacted."

Benson found sufficient evidence to proceed with formal disciplinary proceedings against Govendo for professional misconduct.

In his findings and conclusions, Benson said Govendo's conduct appears to have fallen short of the Commonwealth Code of Judicial Conduct Canon 3A(2) which states that "a judge should maintain order and decorum in proceedings before him."

Benson said as the complaint details, Govendo threatened to instigate criminal and deportation proceedings against Roger S. Castillo.

The retired Guam judge cited that Govendo even stated he would make deporting Castillo his "personal journey."

Further, Benson said, Govendo used unnecessarily degrading language in addressing Castillo.

Govendo told Castrillo, "I will be at the airport to [see you] go 'Adios muchacho! Don't come back.'"

Benson said it is unclear whether the term "muchacho," in and of itself, is racial.

However, Benson said, regardless of any racial connotations it may have, Govendo used it in a derogatory context.

Govendo, he said, appeared to be taunting Castillo, and on that basis alone his language was degrading.

Govendo explained his statements by noting that he didn't intend to follow through with his threats; he only "wanted to frighten Mr. Castillo so that no further terrorizing of his wife would be permitted."

But Benson said although a court must have some leeway to impress upon offenders—especially repeat offenders like Castillo—the necessity of following the law and the consequences for failure to do so, Govendo's threats and degrading commentary go beyond the permissible boundaries.

"Rather than firmly holding Castillo accountable for his misdeeds and making future punishments clear, Judge Govendo employed intimidation," Benson said.

The investigating judge said he is firmly convinced that Govendo's actions were motivated by a genuine desire to prevent further domestic violence and to hold a repeat offender accountable, "but his tactics denigrate his court and the entire Commonwealth judiciary."

Benson said if Govendo wanted to punish Castillo for violating court orders, he was able to do so through his contempt power.

"If he wanted to sternly warn Castillo against future transgressions, he should have explained to Castillo the consequences of misconduct using non-disparaging language, with a firm but respectful tone," he said.

Moreover, Benson said, it appears that Govendo's statements to Castillo were part of a pattern of racial insensitivity.

The investigating judge pointed to a recent case in which the CNMI Supreme Court noted that Govendo made similarly inappropriate statements when denying an American couple's attempt to adopt their niece and nephew from the Philippines.

Govendo in that case stated "picture all the Filipinos here, every single one of them has got five nieces and nephews, back in the Philippines, who would, quote, 'be better off here.' So All you have to do is get married to an Americano, beg him, and he'll adopt them."

Benson said the judge made a similarly disparaging comments about Filipinos to a Filipina petitioner when questioning her regarding her attempted adoption of her husband's daughter.

In that case, Govendo asked her, "Are there any other kids in the Philippines that you like to adopt?...No more? You sure?... Oh, come on. Just about every Filipino here wants to adopt some relative, right?"

Such statements, Benson said, contain callous stereotypes of Filipinos.

"And, by engaging in race-based stereotypes, Judge Govendo's other references to race are tainted with the appearance of racial prejudice," Benson said.

IN ITS PAYMENT NEGOTIATION WITH FUND

Administration demands new actuarial analysis

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Before any payment plan is made, a new actuarial analysis must be completed by the NMI Retirement Fund to make sure that what it will collect is based on the current data.

This according to Tony Muna, the leader of the administration's negotiating team with the Fund.

Muna has informed Fund trustees that the administration wanted to establish a dialogue to address the long-term solvency of the Fund.

But this dialogue, he said, is predicated upon joint recognition of some facts.

"The Fund's Defined Benefit Plan is a closed plan. As a result of being a closed plan, no additional members will be admitted and the rise of the actuarial accrued liability is expected to slow or start to decrease annually," said Muna, in his letter to the Fund.

Muna explained that because this is closed for good, there will be no more members, no further benefits to pay, and no more Fund administration costs.

"The administration team is in full agreement that before any employer contribution payment plan is proposed in finality, an actuarial analysis would be required of the payment plan," Muna said.

He added that addressing the actuarial accrued liability over the long term becomes a debt service retirement challenge.

In fact, Muna said the decreasing trend in both membership in the plan and the liability has been reported by the Fund's actuarial valuation where it indicated that plan membership had decreased from 7,863 in October 2006 to 7,266 in October 2007.

Muna said the same report stated that the liability has decreased from $1 billion as of October 2005 to $879.3 million as of October 2007.

Saipan Tribune learned that in the course of discussion at the initial meeting with the Fund, the administration recommended a potential platform of re-computing the employer contribution.

However, the administration advised the Fund team of other concerns that will impact any final agreement on the employer contribution.

These concerns included the management of actuarial accrued liability where the administration proposed further reforms and further conversion to DC plan.

Muna said they also recommended a revisit of the investment policy and the expenses incurred in administering the plan.

He also recommended that the negotiation continue but he admitted that presenting anything to the Board of Trustees at present would be premature.

The negotiation between two parties stem from the court judgment which determined that the government owed over $231 million in employer contribution to the Fund.

CDA sues company, 7 persons over $1.2M loans

The Commonwealth Development Authority has sued a company and several other persons over for alleged non-payment of $1.2 million loans, accrued interest, and charges.

CDA sued the Torres Group Inc., Juan S. Torres, Dicta L. Tenorio, Carla T. Torres, Timothy John T. Torres, Frances Torres-Salas, and Janet F. Torres.

CDA, through counsel F. Matthew Smith, also named as co-defendant attorney David G. Banes to eliminate his subordinate claim or interest in the mortgaged property.

Smith said that, as of Aug. 24 2009, the defendants except Banes owed CDA the principal sum of $807,077.93 plus accrued interest of $333,911.64 plus penalty charges of $20,808.36 and miscellaneous charges of $3,749.92 for a total of $1,165,547.85.

Smith said that as of Aug. 24, 2009, the defendants except Banes owed CDA the principal sum of $74,262.44 plus accrued interest of $77,868.55 plus penalty charges of $3,753.35 plus miscellaneous charges of $32.50 for a total of $155,916.84.

Smith said that, on July 27, 1998 CDA extended a direct commercial loan to Torres Group in the principal amount of $715,600.

The loan was revised in 2000 and 2001 upon Torres Group's request.

CDA asked the Superior Court to foreclose the mortgaged property and apply the proceeds for the sale of the property to the payment. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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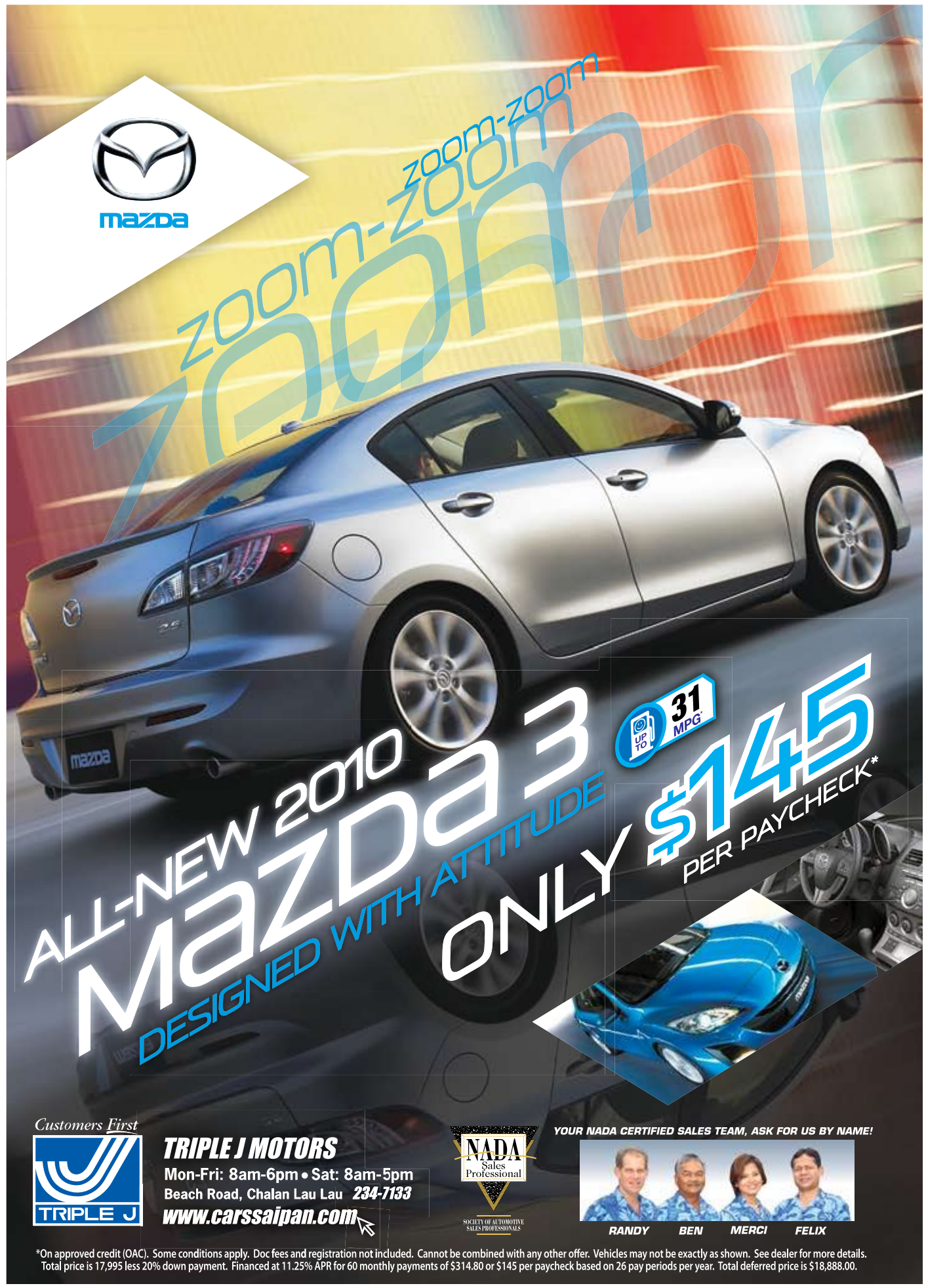
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Search begins for new US District Court judge for CNMI

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) said the process of selecting a replacement for retiring U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Alex R. Munson has started.

"This is a presidential appointment. The White House makes the decision, in consultation with the U.S. Congress," Sablan told Saipan Tribune in a phone interview.

Sablan, the CNMI's first non-voting delegate to the U.S. Congress, said Munson will continue to serve as district judge until a replacement has been appointed and confirmed.

"I would like to think that there are qualified, competent individuals in the CNMI for the job of district judge. We are looking at how to address this. Judge Munson has been providing service to the CNMI for over 20 years. We are thankful for his service," he added.

Munson and his wife have been in Idaho the past few months. The judge, however, still comes to Saipan to conduct hearings and issue decisions on key cases.

Security concerns

In other news, Sablan said he will continue to ask the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for a definition of "security concerns" that led to the exclusion of Russia and China from the Visa Waiver Program in January.

"When these concerns are spelled out, we will be in a better position to keep indefinitely the Russian and Chinese tourism that Secretary (Janet) Napolitano granted (last) week," Sablan said in his latest e-newsletter.

Using her "parole" powers, Napolitano granted last week the CNMI's request to be allowed to continue receiving Chinese and Russian visitors—at least until DHS issues a final rule on the joint Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program.

This means Russian and Chinese tourists will still be allowed to enter the CNMI without a U.S. visa for up to 45 days even when the federal government takes over local immigration on Nov. 28.

Russians and Chinese account for about $58 million spent in the CNMI economy each year.

"To maintain security under Napolitano's plan, airline manifests will be screened 72 hours in advance against the Department's watch list. Visitors will be able to stay in the Northern Marianas up to 45 days, but will not be able to enter any other part of the U.S. Details will be worked out over the next few weeks, and I will continue to monitor the Department's implementation of the Secretary's decision to make sure things go as expected," said Sablan.

SAMOAS

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The mother and her child perished that day, along with 184 other children and adults in American Samoa and Samoa. The quake and the tsunamis also displaced over 20,000 people.

"My brothers and their families in American Samoa are safe but I lost my cousin and her 4-year-old son. We're very fortunate here in the CNMI…But we are thankful that the CNMI and the people who are here have been helping those in the Samoas," Passi told *Saipan Tribune*.

Passi was one of those at the Garapan Fishing Base on Saturday for the 6am to 6pm radio-thon and live entertainment to raise funds for the tsunami-ravaged Samoas.

Her daughter, 16-year-old Tima Passi, helped collect donations on Saturday for the victims and survivors in the Samoas.

Under the scorching sun, 20 cultural dance groups and bands performed in front of an appreciative audience.

Levaula Tasi, 45, who is from Apia, Samoa, said his ex-wife and three children were at a resort in Samoa when the tsunami hit and wiped out the area.

"My kids' clothes were all gone but I'm thankful my kids are fine…But we lost distant relatives. Last year, we buried our grandmother in Lalomanu but now, even that gravesite is gone," Tasi said in an interview.

Just like others touched by the Samoa tragedy, Tasi is thankful for the help given by individuals and businesses in the CNMI.

Gary Sword, operations manager of the CNMI Tsunami Relief Drive for Samoa, said the Saturday tele-thon raised $25,304.

This brings to $28,017.94 the total amount of funds raised so far.

"We're very grateful to the CNMI community for their donations… Even tourists came down to help, giving us Japanese money. There were also members of the Chinese, Filipino and Palau communities," Sword told *Saipan Tribune*.

Sword said they will still be collecting cash and in-kind donations until Oct. 31.

Everything that will be collected until that date will be equally distributed to American Samoa and Samoa.

Sword said the biggest single agency donation was $3,000 from the Public School System, personally handed by Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan at the Garapan Fishing Base on Saturday.

He said Gov. Benigno R. Fitial donated $1,500, the largest single individual donation.

The largest single in-kind donation, meanwhile, is from businessman Juan "Pan" Guerrero, who gave 29 boxes of new clothes worth $15,000.

"Bank of Guam handled all the money and we are thankful for them, too," said Sword.

The CNMI Tsunami Relief Drive for Samoa is also thankful for radio stations 100.3 KWAW, and 103.9 KZMI, as well as IT&E. The T-shirts provided to volunteers were also courtesy of Island Apparel, Docomo Pacific, and Rep. Rosemond Santos (R-Saipan). Members of the Rotary Club of Saipan and the Saipan Chamber of Commerce also helped in the tele-thon and fundraising.

The volunteer group also cited the goodwill of Saipan Shipping, which will ship a 44-ft. container from Saipan to the Samoas free of charge.

"The container is now 75 percent full," Sword said.

For more information, contact Gary Sword at 989-7673 or Jerome Ierome at 483-4551, or e-mail samoancommunity@gmail.com. More information is available at samoancommunity@gmail.com and www.samoatsunami.com.

ALLEGED

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about the accident.

Saipan Tribune learned from sources that the fatality was Joselito Falalimpa, in his 40s, a Filipino steelman/mason. He died on the spot due to multiple injuries.

The driver, a local woman, was arrested at the scene. She was allegedly under the influence of alcohol.

Prior to the accident, Falalimpa attended a party with his wife and two children at a friend's house near the Shell Station in Dandan.

At 9pm, Falalimpa's wife and two children decided to leave the party because the children were already sleepy.

A friend later dropped Falalimpa in front of his barracks in As Lito. When he crossed the road, a speeding Toyota Rav 4 struck the victim.

Falalimpa was dragged several feet away due to the strong impact of the collision, witnesses said. The vehicle's windshield was shattered.

Upon learning about the accident, the wife ran to the scene where she saw her husband already dead.

Responding police officers cordoned off the scene where the driver of Rav 4 was arrested. The victim was also said to be intoxicated.

RNV Construction owner Ruel Villacrusis confirmed to *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that Falalimpa was his employee for the past 10 years.

"He's a very nice person and one of my trusted employees. In fact I served as one of the major sponsors in his wedding," Villacrusis said.

Villacrusis said he will do everything to assist the family considering that Falalimpa's children—both girls—are just 6 and 3 years old.

Falalimpa, who just celebrated his birthday last Friday, is the fourth vehicular crash fatality in the CNMI this year.

TWO-YEAR

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and private lawyers Steve Woodruff, Joseph Horey, Maya Kara, and Mark Hanson when they addressed about 450 nonresident workers in the two-hour forum last Saturday at the American Memorial Park.

The speakers emphasized that although holders of the "umbrella" permit may leave the island after Nov. 28, they cannot come back using the said permit.

The only way to enter is to secure a U.S. visa which will be required by U.S. immigration.

"Travel after Nov. 28 is complicated because people have to have U.S. visa to enter the CNMI. The two-year umbrella permit is not designed for any entry or exit purposes of workers," the panel emphasized, adding that it is merely a document that shows one's status on island.

Panelists clarified though that if a U.S. tourist visa is used in re-entering the CNMI, the holder will be allowed to stay on island but only for 90 days as allowed in a U.S. tourist visa.

Since a number of nonresident workers remain confused on who will shoulder the repatriation ticket once they opt to go home to their country of origin, the panelists reiterated the existence of local laws that must be complied with.

Local labor law mandates that the last employer of record must shoulder the cost of repatriation ticket of an employee who was not renewed or resigned. However, this responsibility only lasts up to 96 days from the day the worker is separated from the company. The same holds true for medical situations.

The panelists pointed out to workers that if their employment contract expires before November 2011, which was the effective date of the umbrella permit, workers have to report to labor employment services which will give them opportunity to find new employers.

"If the worker was not renewed, he/she must report to the employment services which will give 30 or 45 days to find new employer. If in case he/she was not successful in finding a new job after this period, the worker must go back again to inform labor and need to pay same fees if he or she wants an extension," it was explained.

Panelists also said that there are no "conditions" set for the umbrella permit, it is free of charge, and completely "irrelevant" to the lawsuit filed by CNMI government against the U.S.

"It's a different issue and completely irrelevant and has nothing to do with the lawsuit. This is to create a workforce-in-waiting for the CNMI government so when the economy jumpstarts, you're here when it happens," the panelists said.

Rep. Tina Sablan, who served as the event's moderator, said the issuance of the umbrella permit will serve the Commonwealth in good stead.

"I think this is a positive step in the right direction. The administration has finally come out and recognized the importance of foreign workers and their contribution to the economy and the community," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Sablan admitted that she cannot see any harm in accepting the permit.

United Workers Movement NMI and Pilcowa Inc. chairman Ronnie Doca, along with Pilcowa president Jun Concillado and United Workers NMI president Rabby Syed, encouraged nonresident workers to accept the permit as they are convinced that this will be a "win-win" situation for both employers and employees.

DHS

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DHS notified both the offices of Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) and Gov. Benigno R. Fitial about the publication of the interim final rule on transitional workers during the weekend.

The posting of the proposed worker rules in the Oct. 27 Federal Register would come a month before the federal government takes over CNMI immigration on Nov. 28.

The transitional worker is a category established in the federalization law to strike a balance between the need for additional workers in the CNMI and the goal of providing jobs, adequate wages and working conditions for local residents.

Fitial said DHS has had 16 months to implement the federalization section of P.L. 110-229.

The delay, he said, has caused uncertainty and unnecessary strain on both employers and employees in the Commonwealth.

"Although I have had the two-year permit program under consideration for a long time, I waited until October to begin issuing the permits in order to take account of a decision from the federal court and also to take account of any regulations that the federal government might issue. Both of these factors cause uncertainties in the Commonwealth. But I could wait no longer. Issuing permits to all our foreign workers will take time, and we need to do this job right," the governor said.

Fitial also said that when DHS announced the issuance of what it calls an "interim final rule," it appears that the federal agency intends to put these regulations into operation on Nov. 28.

"We think we should have an opportunity to comment on their rules before, not after, they put them into effect. I am advised that federal law requires a minimum of 30 days for comment on proposed rules before they are issued in final form and the federal government starts to act on them. I have asked the attorney general to consider whether this issuance of such an 'interim final rule' complies with the federal Administrative Procedure Act," he said.

Security

Fitial instructed Labor to expedite the issuance of umbrella permits to foreign workers and others who are legally allowed to be in the CNMI, and wants them to have the permits before Nov. 27.

He reiterated that the program is voluntary and is aimed at providing as much security as possible for foreign workers who wish to remain on the islands.

The CNMI-issued umbrella permits extend the period of an alien's admission under local immigration laws.

Commonwealth law governs the terms on which an alien is admitted to the Commonwealth and the "period of admission," which is how long an alien may stay after entry into the Commonwealth.

In a statement, the Fitial administration said the umbrella permit program is designed to deal with the inevitable uncertainties that will be presented by any federal employer work permitting system.

For example, the permits to be issued under the federal CNMI Transitional Workers program are issued to the employers—not to workers as is the case under the Commonwealth's two-year transition permit program.

"It will be up to employers to seek permits for those jobs which qualify under the federal standards to be filled by foreign workers after U.S. workers get first priority," it said.

The number of federal permits issued under the law will have to be reduced over time. The proposed regulations should indicate the method that DHS will follow in reducing the number of issued permits as required by the law.

However, any foreign worker or other alien in the CNMI who holds a Commonwealth-issued permit on Nov. 28, 2009 is entitled to remain on the islands for up to two years, so long as the permit-holder complies with Commonwealth law.

Bank employee is Club 200 grand prize winner

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A 27-year-old employee of a local bank emerged as the grand prize winner of this year's American Red Cross Club 200 fundraiser, pocketing $15,000.

It was the first time Rodney Castro purchased Club 200 tickets and attended the grand ball.

Though he was hopeful he would win, he admitted that he didn't expect to bag the major prize last Saturday.

"I was really hoping to win… and I am very lucky tonight," said Castro who bought two tickets to the fundraiser.

Castro pledged to give back to Red Cross $2,000 of the major pot as his way of supporting its programs.

He said he will use a portion of the money to pay off his credit card debt and will make a "wise" plan for the rest.

Meantime, adjudged first prize winner of $10,000 was Tina Pangelinan while Domingo Dones won the $5,000 pot.

Other major winners in the celebration included Tony Stern, Emerina Chong, Nenita Marquez, and Jim Weaver.

This year marked the 21st staging of the ARC Club 200 fundraiser and featured the theme Mad Hatter Ball.

ARC executive director John Hirsh estimated that over a thousand guests graced the occasion held at Hyatt Regency Saipan.

Based on the preliminary count, about 1,100 of the 2,000 tickets that were printed were sold. Total amount raised during the event was not available at press time.

Hirsh said all proceeds will go to support all of the chapter's local programs such as disaster services, health and safety, support for the U.S. Armed Forces, trainings, and all community programs.

Hirsh expressed elation on the turnout for the fundraiser as politicians, elected officials, businessmen, and community members came out to support the event.

Besides the raffle drawings and sumptuous dinner buffet for guests, attendees were also treated to special performances and entertainment by popular musician Willie K and the Burning Bush Band.

Guests with extraordinary and creative hat design were also recognized and given prizes by organizers.

In attendance in the five-hour event were Gov. Benigno R. Fitial with First Lady Josie Fitial, along with Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos.

In their message, Fitial and Inos said that after more than two decades and despite the current economic challenges, they are proud to still see strong community support for the Club 200 fundraiser.

This year's chairpersons of ARC, Mili Saiki and Larry Lee, encouraged community members to become even more involved as volunteers of the ARC by becoming certified in one of its disaster or health and safety courses.

"Now, more than ever, it's time to change a life, starting with our own," they said.

MONETH G. DEPOSA

American Red Cross Club 200's grand prize winner Rodney Castro, second left, smiles as he accepts the $15,000 check from event organizers during Saturday's fundraising at Hyatt Regency Saipan.

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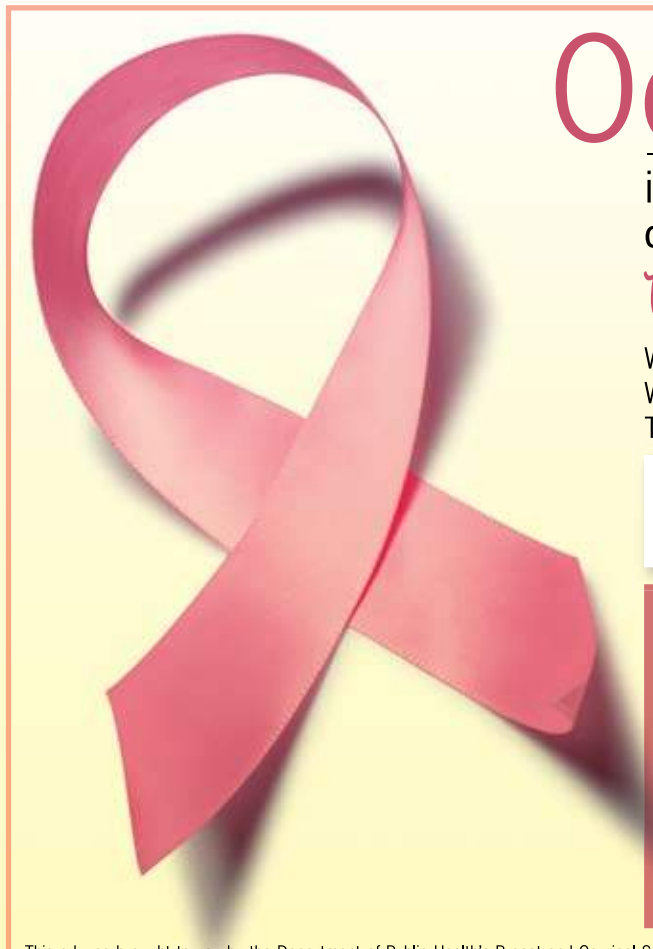

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MONETH G. DEPOSA

Gubernatorial independent candidate Juan Pan Tenorio Guerrero stresses a point as Dr. David Borja, who is running for a lieutenant governor's position, listens during a gubernatorial forum hosted by the Kagman Komunidat Association Friday night at the Kagman Community Center.

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER

Only independent Juan Pan Tenorio Guerrero of the four gubernatorial candidates showed up at the gubernatorial forum hosted by the Kagman Komunidat Association Friday night at the Kagman Community Center.

The forum, however, proceeded with Guerrero facing Dr. David Borja, running mate of independent gubernatorial candidate, Ramon S. Deleon Guerrero.

In the second part of the debate, organizers allowed Dr. Borja to face Juan Guerrero's running mate, attorney Joseph N. Camacho.

Ramon Guerrero sent Borja to the forum as he was in a rally in San Vicente at the time.

Gov. Benigno R. Fital of the Covenant Party failed to appear as he had a prior commitment on Rota made weeks in advance, according to Press Secretary Charles Reyes.

Republican Rep. Heinz S. Hofschneider also did not make it to Kagman as he was sick at the time, his representative informed the organizers.

In the first part, moderators Ambrose Bennett and Kagman Komunidat Association president Jesse Torres asked different issues for Juan Guerrero and Borja to answer each same question in five minutes.

In the second part, the audience were asked to write their questions which Bennett and Torres then read. Camacho and Borja were allowed again to explain their positions to each issue in five minutes.

Some of the questions presented to the candidates were their plans to revive the economy, centralization of government offices, priorities when elected, criteria in selecting Cabinet members, privatization of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and the Commonwealth Health Center, solutions to Retirement Fund problem, shortage of teachers, education program, job creation, and elected Attorney General and Department of Public Safety commissioner.

When *Saipan Tribune* left the forum at 9:15pm Borja and Camacho were still presenting their positions to the answers raised by the audience. Audience observed the two being very articulate in explaining their positions. Camacho would often give examples to make his answers very clear.

Over 50 people attended the forum.

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My dear people of the Third Senatorial District,

My three terms as your legislator for Precinct 4 in the 14th, 15th, and 16th Legislatures have been most challenging and fulfilling. I know that I have served you well and have had you first and foremost in my dealings and negotiations as a legislator. When I first ran for office I expected to be of service at all times and, much to my pleasure, I have not been disappointed.

Faced with many issues and challenges greatly impacting our islands, I believe that I would be of most service and assistance by shifting my precinct allegiance to the Third Senatorial District and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands as a whole. For this reason, I have decided to run for the Senate in the upcoming election, November 07, 2009.

As your Senator, I shall focus on global and CNMI matters that will bring about integrity, accountability, stabilization, sustainability, and pride to our Commonwealth. I will be vigilant in my quest for a trustworthy and workable entity, a Commonwealth to be proud of. I also vow to maintain my focus on education, youth, health, and economic issues. I will continue to support and cooperate with the Executive Branch, my fellow legislators, and the Office of the Washington Delegate to attain these common goals and aspirations for the betterment of our CNMI.

I have taken the liberty of including my academic achievements, work experiences, and achievements in Congress to help you with your voting decision. For more information on my platform, you may pick-up a copy at the Democratic Party Headquarters. Given your support, I pledge to work even harder for our Commonwealth.

To my Precinct 4 communities, thank you for your confidence in me. It has been a pleasure serving you and I ask for your continued support.

In humble gratitude,

/s/ Representative Justo S. Quitugua

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND WORK EXPERIENCES

Education
- ❖ Masters Degree in Education, UH at Manoa
- ❖ BA in Education, UOG
- ❖ Community College of Micronesia (CCM), Ponhpei
- ❖ Hopwood High School, Saipan

Experience
- ◆ House of Representatives (2004-2009): 16th Legislature – Minority Member; 15th Legislature – Vice Speaker; 14th Legislature – Education Committee Chair
- ◆ Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation (SNILD) (2004-2009): 16th SNILD – Floor Leader; 15th SNILD – Ways & Means Committee Chair; 14th SNILD – Member
- ◆ Independent Consulting Services (1995-2003)
- ◆ Legislative Consultant to Rep. David M. Apatang, 11th Legislature; to Rep. Maria "Malua" Peter, 10th Legislature; to Senator Eusebio A. Hocog, 9th Legislature
- ◆ Delegate to the 3rd CNMI Constitutional Convention (1995)
- ◆ Deputy Commissioner for Administration, Public School System (1990-1994 - retired)
- ◆ Deputy Commissioner of Curriculum & Instruction, Public School System (1983-1989)
- ◆ Language Arts & Mathematics Consultant, Guam Dept. of Education (1980-1983)
- ◆ University of Guam Continuing Education Adjunct Instructor, Upper Education Courses (1985-1989)
- ◆ Classroom Teacher: Marianas High, Hopwood Jr. High, Oleai Elem., San Vicente Elem., W.S. Reyes Elem., Garapan Elem., San Roque Elem (1969-1980)
- ◆ Adult Basic Education Instructor (1974 - PT)
- ◆ Dr. Torres Hospital, Senior Clerk (summer 1969)
- ◆ Dr. Torres Hospital, Summer Trainee, (summer 1968)

PUBLIC LAWS (PL) AND SAIPAN LOCAL LAWS (SLL) AUTHORED

Public School System
- ✪ PL 16-22 - $86,000 for Kagman High & Koblerville Elementary parking areas paving
- ✪ PL 16-12 - $51,620 for San Vicente Elementary kindergarten classrooms
- ✪ PL 16-11 - $10,000 for W.S. Reyes Elementary classroom repairs and renovations
- ✪ PL 16-10 - $291,210 for classroom repairs & maintenance
- ✪ PL 15-107 - Reserves the 1% funding to the Office of the Public Auditor for the purchase of student textbooks
- ✪ PL 15-79 - $10,000 for student training against the use of tobacco, alcohol, & controlled substance; $10,000 for the repairs/renovations of W.S. Reyes Elementary classrooms
- ✪ PL 15-33 - $747,000 for Garapan Elementary additional classrooms; $50,000 for Oleai Headstart renovations
- ✪ PL 15-27 - Exemptions from the Austerity Holiday
- ✪ PL 14-99 - $125,000 for Kagman & Dandan elementary school pathway; $25,000; Marianas High School building J renovations
- ✪ PL 14-96 - $2,228,824 for student textbooks
- ✪ PL 14-54 - Earmarks funding from the nonresident workers' fees to the Technical Education Program for the high schools
- ✪ SLL 16-09 - $25,000 for Junior Statesmen; $9,742 for bus shelter in Tanapag; $10,000 for bus shelter at Puerto Rico; $10,000 for bus shelter in Precinct 1 and San Vicente basketball court; $5,000 for the San Antonio Youth Learning Center; $10,000 for the 2009 Pacific Nurses Conference;
- ✪ SLL 16-07 - $50,581 for Kagman Elementary outer stage construction; $10,000 for the 2009 Micronesian Youth Services Network conference
- ✪ SLL 16-05 - $25,000 for tanita scales; $19,000 additional for San Vicente and Dandan Headstart classrooms; $20,000 for Oleai Elementary covered walkways
- ✪ SLL 15-10 - $10,000 for Koblerville Elementary classroom renovations
- ✪ SLL 15-05 - $30,000 for San Vicente & Dandan Headstart classrooms
- ✪ SLL 14-26 - $300,000 shall be equally distributed among all Saipan Youth Learning Centers
- ✪ SLL 14-22 - $100,000 for G.T. Camacho Elementary; $50,000 for Tanapag Elementary; $56,426 for the Junior Statesmen Foundation; $50,000 for San Antonio Elementary classroom; $50,000 for San Antonio Manhoben Center

Northern Marianas College
- ✪ PL 16-22 - $45,000 to pave coral road
- ✪ PL 15-27 - Exemptions from the Austerity Holiday
- ✪ PL 15-05 - Establishes the U.S. DOL Registered Apprenticeship Program with $1,500,000 annual funding
- ✪ House Joint Resolution - Authorizes the hiring of vacant positions
- ✪ House Legislative Initiative 15-1- Establishes the Higher Education Commission (Ratified November 3, 2007)
- ✪ PL 14-89- Extends the hiring of nonresident workers for foreign language instructors, research scientists, & other technical employees up until September 2010
- ✪ House Joint Resolution 14-18 – Authorizes the Governor to reprogram $438,000 for operations

Northern Marianas Trades Institute
- ✪ PL 16-33 - Qualify for Education Tax Credit
- ✪ SLL 16-09 - $50,000 for supplies, books, tools
- ✪ SLL 16-08 - Qualify for SHEFA financial assistance

Saipan Higher Educational Financial Assistance (SHEFA)
- ✪ SLL 15-26 - $3,000,000 for students; $100,000 for operation
- ✪ SLL 15-12 - $3,000,000 for students; $100,000 for operation
- ✪ SLL 15-05 - $3,000,000 for students; $100,000 for operation
- ✪ SLL 15-03 - $3,000,000 for student financial assistance, 50% disbursement by April and the remaining 50% by August of every year to ensure adequate funding for qualified students
- ✪ SLL 14-16 - Prohibits funds appropriated for student assistance to be used for operations
- ✪ SLL 14-09 - $150,000 for operations

Joeten-Kiyu Library
- ✪ PL 15-120 - Qualify for Education Tax Credit
- ✪ SLL 15-05 - $30,000 for operations

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
- ✪ PL 16-22 - $104,000 for Dandan waterline upgrades
- ✪ PL 15-34 - Over $5,000,000 for power plants rehabilitation

Saipan Mayor's Office/Northern Islands Mayor's Office/Saipan & No. Islands Municipal Council/Others
- ✪ PL 15-73 - $50,000 for Election Commission
- ✪ PL 15-56 - $200,000 for poker enforcement
- ✪ PL 14-94 - $30,000 for removal of junk cars
- ✪ SLL 16-09 - $25,000 for the NI Mayor; $15,000 for the Saipan Municipal Council; $30,000 for KARRIDAT
- ✪ SLL 16-07 - $30,000 for the FIBA Tournament; $13,000 for Traditional Healers & Medicinal Plants
- ✪ SLL 16-05 - $15,000 for Northern Islands Mayor; $15,000 Tetset Konferensian Chamorro; $5,000 for Cultural Heritage; $5,600 for Language Commission; $21,244 for the NMI Museum; $5,000 for CK Manhoben Center
- ✪ SLL 15-26 - $75,000 for Zoning Board; $25,000 for Little League; $50,000 for Liberation Day; $25,000 for Agricultural Fair; $10,000 for Flame Tree Festival; $20,000 for Fishing Derby
- ✪ SLL 15-25 - Allocate 2% from CIP projects to TSD/DPW
- ✪ SLL 15-24 - $60,000 for Saipan Mayor
- ✪ SLL 15-12 - $250,000 for Saipan Mayor (dog pound) & operation, heavy equipment); $100,000, Northern Islands Mayor; $300,000 for Public Works
- ✪ SLL 15-05 - $25,000 for Little League; $500,000 for MVB; $30,000 for Saipan Mayor; $5,000 for Arts Council; $5,000 for Carolinian Affairs CARLA Project
- ✪ SLL 15-04 - $75,000 for the Zoning Board
- ✪ SLL 15-02 - $16,654 for Saipan Mayor
- ✪ SLL 14-24 - $20,768 for Saipan Mayor
- ✪ SLL 14-14 - $30,301 for Saipan Mayor
- ✪ SLL 14-07 - $100,000 for Northern Islands Mayor; $50,000 for Mayor of Saipan; $100,000 for festival of Pacific Arts and Culture; $50,000 for Municipal Council

LAWS AUTHORED FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Precinct 1
- ■ PL 16-22 - Upgrade water lines in Dandan, $104,000
- ■ SLL 16-05 - Pakpak Beach improvement, $25,000
- ■ SLL 15-26 - Roads & drainage project, $350,000
- ■ SLL 15-24 - Dandan homestead water project, $150,000
- ■ SLL 15-12 - Various projects, $15,000; Airport Road drainage reimbursement, $50,000
- ■ SLL 14-31 - Dandan Children's Park, $100,000
- ■ SLL 14-22 - Various road paving projects, $630,344
- ■ SLL 14-07 - Various road paving projects, $200,000

Precinct 2
- ■ SLL 15-26 - Various community projects, $250,000
- ■ SLL 15-12 - Various community projects, $700,000
- ■ SLL 15-10 - Susupe Beach Park renovations, $10,000
- ■ SLL 15-07 - Various road paving projects, $200,000

Precinct 3
- ■ PL 15-34 - Various road paving (Bwooset Pl, Almond Pl), $2,000,000
- ■ SLL 16-09 - Water lines at the Langasat and power lines extension at Bwooset Place, $100,000
- ■ SLL 15-12 - Various road paving projects, $1,400,000
- ■ SLL 15-10 - Garapan basketball rehabilitation, $10,000; Beach Road pathway lightings, $3,000
- ■ SNILD Resolution 15-2 - Garapan Central Park building renovation, $36,000
- ■ PL 14-99 - Palacios Baseball field and Tan Ge Softball Field grandstand construction, $500,000
- ■ SLL 14-22 - A&E design of Chalan Kiya sewer line, $63,230

Precinct 4
- ■ PL 16-22 - Upkeep of the Veterans Cemetery at Marpi, $10,000
- ■ PL 14-76 - Various road paving and drainage projects, $110,384
- ■ PL 14-39 - Additional funding for the Tanapag T-I Pump Station relocation, $483,766
- ■ PL 15-34 - Road paving projects (Mina Dr., Paluman Apu Lp), $2,000,000
- ■ PL 14-31 - Tanapag T-1 Pump Station relocation, $283,000; various road paving and drainage projects, $200,627
- ■ PL 14-05 - Tanapag T-1 Pump Station relocation, $373,766
- ■ SLL 16-09 - Power lines extension at Talofofo and upper As Matuis areas, $100,000
- ■ SLL 15-12 - Various road paving projects, $500,000
- ■ SLL 15-10 - FEMA matching for Paupau Beach drainage repairs, $6,000; Talofofo, Chalan Galaide, As Matuis power extension, $75,000
- ■ SNILD Resolution 15-2 - To install school bus shelters/stops pedestrian crossing lines, $10,000
- ■ SLL 14-31 - Various road paving projects, $350,000
- ■ SLL 14-27 - As Matuis road project, $76,919
- ■ SLL 14-07 - Basketball courts rehabilitation, $25,000
- ■ SLL 14-03 - Capital Hill baseball field construction, $110,000
- ■ SNILD Resolution 14-11 - FEMA Matching for road improvements, $83,000

Precinct 5
- ■ SLL 16-22 - Kagman II baseball field rehabilitation, $15,000; Tangantangan Road paving, $107,000
- ■ PL 15-34 - Road paving projects (Chacha Road, Kamuti Road, Fahang Dr.), $2,000,000
- ■ SLL 15-11 - Kagman pathway construction, $300,000
- ■ SLL 14-31 - Kanat Tabla fencing project, $50,000

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Please exercise your right to vote on November 7, 2009.

Will continue on tomorrow's issue.

Taga Riders clean up Joeten Kiyu

The grounds of the Joeten Kiyu Public Library was visited last Oct. 17 by members of customized motorcycle aficionados not with their enviable motorcycles and uniforms but this time armed with their riding mower and yard cleaning tools.

Taga Riders Saipan CNMI vice president Vince Lizama said their group decided to commit themselves to perform community service and outreach activities whenever they are available so they donated their in-kind services of labor of love towards the periodic upkeep of our public library grounds in Susupe, Saipan.

"One of our members namely Daryl Terlaje had suggested for us to do a one-time yard work for JKPL," he said.

Saturday's cleanup was the group's fourth visit. While they do not promise regularity in their cleanup, Taga Riders said they will try do their best to maintain the public library grounds as often as they can.

"We were received by a warm welcome and open arms by your staff. And that was Lin Naputi and Celina Foreman. I personally felt appreciated by these two wonderful girls. So, I made a strong recommendation to the rest of the members that we will try and continue. Plus, Joeten Kiyu provides fuel, oil, and strings. We would also like to acknowledge Mr. Ed Camacho of Island Equipment Rental for loaning his water blaster that was used to clean the courtyard of the library," said Lizama. ***(PR)***

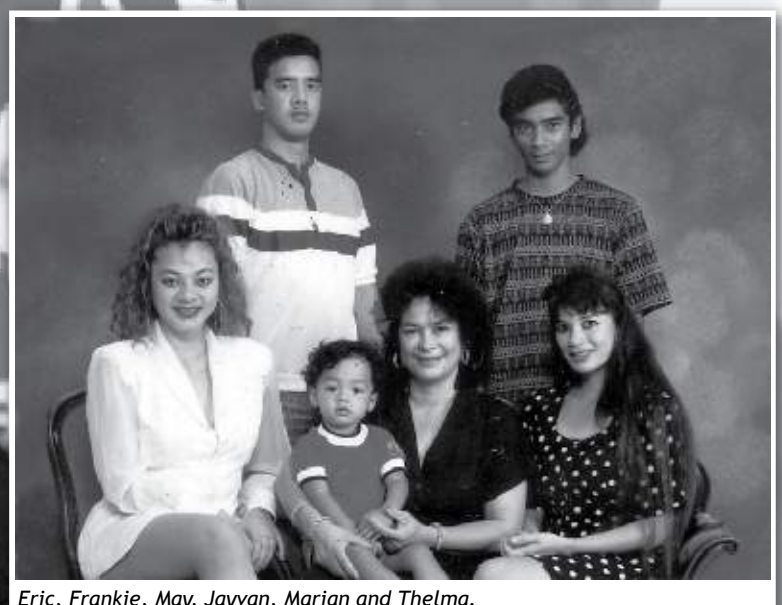
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Taga Riders Saipan CNMI cleaned up the Joeten Kiyu Public Library last Oct. 17.

I always believe that all community needs and concerns begin at the grassroots level which is in the villages and this is where people's desires for their government begins.This is where I want to serve my people, at the grassroots community. Being the first woman candidate to aspire for the position of Mayor is a landmark in the CNMI. This is a traditionally male role in the community but the time is ripe for a woman to assume this role and I know that I can do the job.

From left, Jesus (Jess), Mom, Dad and Kindo. Sitting, Julie, Lucy (Doll), Lilian (Li) and Marian.

Mom and Dad.



Eric, Frankie, May, Jayvan, Marian and Thelma.

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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

October 26, 1999

Island economy to grow 1-2 percent

Despite predictions that the island's economy will hit rock bottom in the last quarter of 1999, the Northern Marianas is expected to post a growth of 1 to 2 percent next year, according to an economic report prepared by Bank of Hawaii. But the report said the modest growth rate will still depend on improvement in tourist traffic. Specifically, it said more passengers from Korea will pull out the economy from distress. The report, prepared by Dr. Wali M. Osman, regional economist of the bank, also said the local economy will increase to 3 to 4 percent in the year 2001. The bank's economic analysis is made every two years.

Local leaders wants status quo

Local leaders hope to draw support from their allies in the U.S. Congress in a bid to block the latest attempt to extend federal immigration laws to the Northern Marianas, according to lawmakers. House Speaker Diego T. Benavente underscored the need for the CNMI to maintain the "status quo," saying there are still commitments in the Covenant that have yet to be fulfilled by Washington, particularly a strong local economy to ensure self-sufficiency. "Because of the fragile economic conditions on the island, we need to be able to control our labor and immigration and to have the decision on our hands," he told in an interview yesterday.

October 26, 2000

Cabrera guilty

Former Finance Secretary Antonio R. Cabrera was found guilty yesterday on three of the five charges in the corruption case in the U.S. District Court following nearly two days of jury deliberation. The embattled ex-CNMI official covered his face with his hands as court clerk Lyn Lemieux read the verdict returned by the 12 jurors. But he sat quietly beside his lawyer during most of the time. Mr. Cabrera, 40, was convicted on three counts of theft concerning programs receiving federal funds and was acquitted on two counts of bribery.He is facing up to 30 years imprisonment, plus fines and restitution, as punishment for the crime. District Judge Alex R. Munson set his sentencing on Feb. 6, 2001 at 9:00 a.m.

Officials see fed tax credit as boost to local economy

The Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council is upbeat on the multiplier effect to the local economy of some $10 million worth of federal tax credits which are now being made available to local families following its implementation in the mainland U.S. in 1998. In a resolution, the Council said the U.S. Child Tax Credit will bring financial relief to many local families who are now in need for additional funds, as well as revitalize the CNMI economy through increased consumer spending. Council Chair Gregorio Deleon Guerrero said efforts of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service to fast-track the implementation of the federal tax credit into the Northern Marianas and other insular areas should be recognized.

October 26, 2001

Projected revenue shrinks by $26M

Forget about the original $233-million spending package. Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio has already submitted a new budget proposal to the Legislature that largely reflects the reduced $206.97 million revenue projections for fiscal year 2002. As promised, Tenorio transmitted to the House of Representatives late Wednesday afternoon a new spending plan that expectedly showed deep cuts in the budget of a number of agencies but also some unexpected increases in a few others. "This revised budget proposal reduces the amounts originally proposed in the July 1, 2001, budget proposal... However, there are a few agencies that do have increases in their allocations from the amounts allocated under continuing resolution," he said in his transmittal letter to legislative leaders.

Stanley told to retract 'malicious accusations'

The legal counsel of Tan Holdings Corporation is poised to file a defamation suit against Rep. Stanley T. Torres if the controversial congressman do not retract the "false and malicious accusations" he has flung against certain company executives. THC general counsel Steven P. Pixley, in a letter addressed to the legislator, demanded for an "immediate retraction, or else." "Over my dead body," was Torres' only comment, when the Saipan Tribune asked how he intends to deal with THC's demand for a retraction.

Anti-smoking law major accomplishment of Youth Congress

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

One of the major accomplishments of the 11th Youth Congress is the recent enactment of the anti-smoking law in the Commonwealth, according to Speaker Alana May Leon Guerrero.

The measure was adopted by the Youth Congress and was recognized by the House members and eventually was crafted into legislation.

During Leon Guerrero's term, *Saipan Tribune* learned that a total of 17 resolutions and four bills were passed by members.

Their bills and resolutions serve as strong suggestion for the island's lawmakers.

Leon Guerrero was among the seven recently reelected in the recent poll. She is excited to begin work again for her fourth term in office.

"As the speaker to the 11th CNMI Youth Congress, I can honestly say that we've done our best to tackle the many issues we face today. Our challenge isn't over and I'm ready to work for the betterment of our youth community," she said.

She disclosed that in her freshmen year, she introduced a law to enforce the curfew law, which was passed in the 15th Legislature.

In her second year in office, Leon Guerrero said the Youth Congress first introduced the idea for outlawing smoking in public places and government buildings.

"I thank the 16th Legislature for passing the bill," she said.

Among the other bills passed during the 11th Youth Congress included the prohibition of the use of hand-held mobile devices while operating a vehicle; strengthen the penalties for minors consuming alcoholic beverages and establishments that sell the products to minors; and mandating the Department of Public Safety to remove dead animals from the public highways and roads.

This coming term, Leon Guerrero said the Youth Congress plans to focus on education, enforcement of laws, and implement programs for the youth.

She looked forward in working with six other colleagues who were reelected into office: Bianca Blanco, Annie Camacho, Sunny Frank Aldan, Seong Bin Lee, Adeleyah Mojica, and Jessamin Santos.

Cross Island improvement project underway

The Department of Public Works announced that the Cross Island Road project will soon get underway with a notice to proceed taking effect on Oct. 28.

"After assembling a project team, we are very pleased to see this much anticipated project finally start and infuse fresh cash into our economy," said DPW Secretary Diego Songsong.

The project involves reconstruction of Cross Island Road (Route 31), Phase 1, located in San Vicente/Papago, Saipan. This project calls for the construction of approximately 2.0 miles (10,500 feet) of paved highway. The project includes excavation and backfilling, constructing subbase and base courses, laying hot asphaltic concrete pavement with dense graded anti-skid pavement, pavement markings, shoulders, drainage facilities, driveway connections, installation of signal system and traffic signage necessary to complete the project.

The government has awarded the project to Hawaiian Rock Products Corporation, and retained Hofschneider Engineering, LLC, to serve as the project's construction manager. A project coordinator has also being assigned.

This team will ensure construction performance, quality assurance and timely completion of the project. The project performance time will be 300 working days, and will commence on Oct. 28, 2009, with expected completion date set for Jan. 19, 2011. The total project cost (design, construction and construction management) amounts to about $6.4 million dollars.

Cross Island (Route 31) Road & Drainage Improvements, Phase I is funded by the U.S. Department of Transportations' Federal Highway Administration. ***(PR)***

Hawaii regulators approve first US tuna farm

HONOLULU (AP)—Hawaii regulators have approved a Honolulu startup company's plan to build the nation's first tuna farm in waters off the Big Island.

Hawaii Oceanic Technology aims to create an environmentally friendly open ocean farm for bigeye tuna, a favorite source for sushi and sashimi that's overfished in the wild. The project would also be the world's first commercial bigeye farm.

The state Board of Land and Natural Resources voted 4-to-1 to give Hawaii Oceanic permission to install three large underwater cages for the tuna.

"I'm concerned on a global level and a local level that we have severe overfishing going on, and something needs to be done," said board member John Morgan, who voted in favor of the project.

Unlike many tuna farms around the world which capture immature tuna and fatten them until they're ready for harvest, Hawaii Oceanic expects to artificially hatch bigeye at a University of Hawaii lab in Hilo.

After the fry grow, the company will take the fish to giant ocean pens about three miles offshore where they will grow until they reach 100 pounds.

Hawaii Oceanic expects to avoid the disease problems that have plagued other fish farms because it's ocean pens will be large and its fish won't be as densely packed in the cages.

The ocean is 1,300 feet deep in the area where the cages will be. This will allow strong currents to sweep away fish waste and uneaten food, preventing the pollution of the ocean floor.

The farm is expected to produce 6,000 tons of bigeye a year once fully operational, serving Hawaii, the U.S. mainland, Japan and other parts of Asia. In 2007, fishermen caught 224,921 tons of wild bigeye in the Pacific.

Hawaii Oceanic projects it will generate $120 million in annual export revenues, more than six times the value of Hawaii's current aquaculture output.

Several critics told the board they're worried diseased farm fish would escape and contaminate wild stocks, and others said they're worried about where Hawaii Oceanic would obtain its fish feed.

The project won't be sustainable if it imports its feed and exports about 90 percent of its product, said Rob Parsons, a board member of the environmentalist group Maui Tomorrow. The venture looks like it will suffer from the same pollution and disease problems as cattle farms, he said.

"This is not a farm," Parsons said. "It's an industrial feed lot."

The company has vowed to only purchase feed made from sustainably harvested fish and has said it won't feed its tuna any antibiotics.

Board members noted Hawaii Oceanic conducted an environmental impact statement that said the farm wouldn't significantly affect the environment. No one has challenged the study in court, Department of Land and Natural Resources staff told the board.

Several board members said they were concerned that Hawaii Oceanic planned to use solar and ocean thermal energy to operate its giant ocean pens, something that hasn't been done before.

Given the untested technology and the large scale of the project, the board required the company to report on its progress and return for permission to deploy the remaining nine cages it aims to build.

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EDITORIAL

Why fund wars with debt, but not health care?

A reader recently challenged us to explain what he sees as a contradiction in our editorial positions. We support the goal of universal health care, but argue that President Obama must keep his pledge not to pay for it with borrowed money. We have also backed Gen. Stanley McChrystal's request for additional troops and other resources for Afghanistan — but without specifying how the reinforcements should be funded. Why is it OK to finance wars with debt, asks our reader, but not to pay for health care that way?

In principle, all wars should be paid for, just like all other federal spending. We criticized President George W. Bush for sticking with tax cuts rather than calling for national sacrifice after Sept. 11, 2001, and for failing to fund the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. If Obama were to propose offsetting the cost of additional troops in Afghanistan with a gasoline or carbon tax, we would support it.

But is a new war tax needed? In fact, if you apply the same logic to defense spending that Obama has used for health care — that projected future savings offset new spending — he has paid for the proposed escalation in Afghanistan many times over. Overall, Obama's plan for defense spending projects $1.5 trillion in savings over 10 years. While overall federal spending will rise 75 percent from 2008 to 2019, defense spending would increase only 17 percent.

That percentage will be a bit higher if the Afghan mission is fully funded. But spending on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan — which have been budgeted jointly since 2003 — has already fallen from $180 billion in the 2008 budget year to $150 billion this year. Even counting the additional troops Obama has already approved for Afghanistan, spending is due to drop to $130 billion in 2010, and the Congressional Research Service estimates it will fall to $70 billion in 2012. That's because in the next year, twice as many American troops are due to leave Iraq as would go to Afghanistan under McChrystal's middle-course request. If Obama supports the option of sending 40,000 more soldiers, annual war spending could still drop to $110 billion.

All this assumes that defense and health care should be treated equally in the national budget. We would argue that they should not be, for two reasons. One is that wars, unlike entitlement programs, eventually come to an end. A guarantee of health care for all, particularly in the context of steadily rising costs, will bankrupt the nation if not matched by a steady stream of revenue.

The second reason has been laid out eloquently by Obama. "As president, my greatest responsibility is the security and safety of the American people," he said in an address to the Veterans of Foreign Wars two months ago. Obama went on to say that Afghanistan "is not a war of choice; this is a war of necessity. ... This is not only a war worth fighting. This is fundamental to the defense of our people."

Universal health care, however desirable, is not "fundamental to the defense of our people." Nor is it a "necessity" that it be adopted this year: Obama chose to propose a massive new entitlement at a time of historic budget deficits. In contrast, McChrystal believes that if reinforcements are not sent to Afghanistan in the next year, the war may be lost, with catastrophic consequences for U.S. interests in South Asia. U.S. soldiers would continue to die, without the prospect of defeating the Taliban. And, as Obama put it, "if left unchecked, the Taliban insurgency will mean an even larger safe haven from which al-Qaida would plot to kill more Americans."

So, in answer to our questioner: Wars end, and the spending for them tapers off; entitlement programs must be funded in perpetuity. Wars compel decisions, like the one now at hand;

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OH YEAH? IF MARIJUANA WAS A LEGITIMATE MEDICAL TREATMENT, THE WAL-MART PHARMACY WOULD BE SELLING A 90-DAY SUPPLY OF IT FOR $10.
JUSTICE DEPT. MELLOWS OUT ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA
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Are we going back to the 'fast buck' days?

By ANTHONY PELLEGRINO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Pellegrino is a longtime businessman in the CNMI and is the former president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

The other day I read in both newspapers that several investors are going to build casinos in Rota and some more are planned for Tinian. There were pictures of some of the involved individuals smiling happily. Then on a later day I saw in the same newspapers pictures of our young children celebrating their Culture Day. At first I felt a feeling of gladness for the island and its people. Then as my feelings subsided I began to reflect about the two different photos.

One photo showed a group of smiling men pushing for a fast fix to our ailing economy. Have they thought through what they are about to do? The other photo showed bright smiling young faces happy to be alive while celebrating who they are. What are we building their future on?

Let's ask ourselves how successful has Tinian become after having a beautiful five star gambling casino for 10 years? What benefits have the citizens reaped? Has the Commonwealth prospered from its tax revenues? Are the people of Tinian working and earning a good wage in the casino? Have they learned a skill or profession? Why is Tinian now is a state of emergency? In general has casino gambling brought prosperity and happiness to the people in Tinian?

Has the poker industry in Saipan helped us obtain a better life? How has it added to the betterment of our community? Has anybody gained from it? Have we citizens become better skilled and professional workers because of it? Is it a business of pride that we can show to our tourist guests? Oh, by the way, why don't hotels have poker machines in their lobbies if it is such a great business? Why do we instead spray them around our neighborhoods?

If your answers to all of above questions are a resounding: "Yes, gambling has improved our economy!" Then stop reading this column and move to the next page. But if your answers are: "No!" Then we must sit down and question why gambling has not helped us before we plunge into more ventures of this type.

I realize we are desperate for money and search of a better life. But what price are we willing to pay to obtain those two objectives? What are we willing to sacrifice? Allow me to spout off for a few minutes.

In all my years of studies, travels, and living in different countries, I learned that for a nation to become strong and prosperous it must create a skilled and professional workforce coupled with an entrepreneurial spirit. The nation must create and earn its own wealth. No one will give it to us. This is the only way we will survive and keep sustaining ourselves over the years.

So let us assume that we want money and are willing to pay any price to get it. OK, let's really promote casinos. Let's become the gambling center of the Pacific. Now let's add some spice—women. Let's legalize houses of prostitution and collect a kick-back for every dollar they earn. Think of all the extra income at no expense to us. Of course all the bars can stay open all night. After all people who will come here are swingers. They sleep in the daytime and play in the nighttime.

A third recreation that involves little or no money to get into is to make drugs and sell them legally to anybody. Imagine all the money from this one activity alone. To sum up—more gambling casinos, plus houses of prostitution, plus legalized selling of drugs equals millions of dollars for the community! Remember we are going to regulate all these so what is the problem? We need and want the money.

I can hear some of you saying how crazy I am to even discuss these points. Of course we will never legalize houses of prostitution and the selling of drugs. But do they not exist now? Of course they do, but illegally. So let's cash in on them.

Almost daily I hear about our culture and how we must preserve it. How will we live with ourselves after we sell our souls to outsiders? How will we feel after we become a nation of panderers? Do we realize that we will be creating opportunities for our children to become gamblers, pimps and drug dealers? Is this the future of the happy smiling faces in the photo?

No, I am not a moralist or a preacher. But if the CNMI is ever to become economically strong and independent, it must create its own industries and trained labor force. We must stop relying on cheap outside labor. We must stop relying on outside investors. What greater glory is there than to invest in one's self?

The "fast buck activities" are based on false dreams and are built on quicksand. At the slightest disturbance they will sink. And we will be left with nothing. Our house must be built on a solid foundation which can only be created from good planning and hard work. There are no short cuts.

Yes, let's have a few casinos. But let's balance them with other industries such as small factories making and exporting their products. Let's teach the entrepreneurial spirit so that we become shop owners. Let's cultivate our fallow land to grow food for our consumption and perhaps even export some of it. Return to the grazing of cattle so we can provide our own meat instead of relying on imported meat. The other day I ate eggs hatched locally. What a great taste compared to imported eggs produced by caged chickens fed antibiotics.

Why is there so much excitement when a casino venture is discussed? Yet why is there so little excitement when our own citizens

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Human natures

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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My colleagues harp at my insistence in dealing with "big pictures" rather than doing social commentaries on nitty-gritty social issues abiding in this Commonwealth, or, at least, foray into the fray of the current political posturing and positioning into places of power.

I spent long stretches of time and space traveling the rails of America from Houston to L.A., Portland to Chicago, Kansas City to Boston, then New York City back to Houston last September to afford personal reflection and reading.

Lifting out of my penologist brother's Honolulu library, I read Paul R. Ehrlich, pull-together of considerable scholarship (there are almost 200 pages of notes, references and index entries) in a romp on a subject that has heretofore been the province of philosophers and theologians. Save that if the metaphysicians integrated human wisdom into a category called "human nature," Ehrlich's immense scientific orientation (a Stanford U professor of biological science globally notorious for his population bomb and explosion treatises), dismantles the same into what is more appropriate in our emerging notion of non-simultaneous personal universes and the diversity of world cultures as "human natures."

Pedagogues have long known that every human being holds an image of the universe in their head—time, space, roles and stories (of events, emotions, meanings and deeds), and that picture pretty much determine their behavior. We operate on images not principles or ideas. Faith statements are meaningless without the accompanying symbols of penal cross, lunar crescent, six-pointed star, sky-scraping pyramid, desert wind and ocean wave, volcanic eruptions and in our time, the nuclear mushroom, the mathematical formula e=mc2, and the lunar earthrise. Revolutionaries have also long known that if one's image is changed, behavior changes. Science has called that phenomenon a "paradigm shift," and when that occurs, tectonic shifts in knowledge and wisdom have been known to take place.

When that change takes place at a rapid pace, a revolution in consciousness takes place, and the concomitant after shocks in the social process and societal structures follows. Having naively used the title in a previous incarnation as a "catalyst for social change," (romantically called by the French as *provocateurs* in its pristine meaning), some of us are too lazy for the inventory of details so we launch for what we perceive to be the profound and monumental.

This musing is not meant to be self-indulgent, or to parade some semblance of erudition (a reader who has difficult remembering how to spell my Spanish name has already declared that I was ignorant anyway). It is meant to dissuade us from following too easily on such formerly useful dichotomies as "nature vs. nurture," "Democrat vs. Republican," "indigenous vs. alien," "global vs. local," – categories that have outlived their usefulness in a new complex and myriad world in the process of being born, in reality and in our minds.

It is well to rehearse some images that were once powerful but perhaps, need debunking. The Egyptians unlocked the mystery of

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learn a trade and a profession? Why aren't we encouraging our young people to become doctors and professionals in the medical field? Why do we keep hiring them from aboard? Are our children less intelligent?

Why doesn't the government invest in our own local industries? It could bring in experts to show us how to become fruitful and profitable. We could use our natural resources to create a sustainable economy. Now if we wish to add a few casinos, let's do it.

We proudly refer to our culture but do not practice it. We have forgotten how our forefathers cultivated the soil and grazed livestock. We have forgotten the pride they experienced in being able to feed themselves and the family.

The soil, the beaches, the ocean—they all wait for us to learn how to use them. From the soil, we can eat bountifully. On the beaches we can share with our tourist guests the surrounding beauty. And from the ocean we can gleam God's creatures to eat and share with the rest of the world.

All the "fast buck tricks" will finally fail and leave us as losers. Our strength and future lies in educating ourselves, in learning skills, trades and professions. We keep talking that these are our islands. Then why are we so anxious to turn them over to outsiders who will do little to develop them? Why do we stand aside and let others do our work?

The only true path to happiness and a solid economy is the work done with our own hands. Like the good craftsman who builds a solid foundation, we too must build a solid economy. This is the only way to develop and believe in ourselves on what we can do.

Let us wake up and do it! Let us put our hands to the tiller and plow. The wealth we reap will be ours and earned with our own two hands. We can do it if we truly want to. Do we become "fast buck artists" and a country of panders or do we become a nation of greatness with a sustained economy created from our own labor? The choice is up to us.

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new entitlement programs can be phased in or delayed. And the nation's security must be the president's first priority. To quote Obama once more, it is "the first thing I think about when I wake up in the morning. It's the last thing I think about when I go to sleep at night." Even for a president dedicated to domestic reform, that must hold true.

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Haanen Man-Matai

Ginen: JOHN S. DELROSARIO, JR.

Kada hihot i haanen man-matai, man-hanau hit para i seputtura para ta rikonose hafa presisu machogue. Duru man-nagasgas dispues mapenta, ma-aregla yan mabesti i seputturan mañainata `sino familia.

Gi haanen selebrasion (Nobiembre Dia Unu), todus rumidonduye i naftan ya sige tinayuyot yan silensiu yan grasiosu siha na konbetsasion. Lau todu mañauna gi hilu intension membron familia. Todus mumalague` matufuñg na pumattisipaugue` guine na okasion.

I seputtura un` lugat (dispues de man-hanau mañainata) ni muna` fan dadaña todus deste mas amku esta i mas patgun. Kulan magnitu ni humahala hit guatu gi primet haane gi mes Nobiembre. `Nai ta bisita i naftan, ta tutuhon I tinayuyot para i man-guinaiyata siha.

`Nai magpu i responsu gi pagu homhum, bineste enteru simienteyu ni dañges siha ni man-masoñge guihe na taloane. Ginen i chagu`, kulan un` trosu na oru mañiñila hulu esta i lañget. Gasgas yan bonitu i seputtura siha.

Guaha `nai matachoñgyu namaisa dispues de man-hanau todus. Sige man-nae`yu agradesimientu pot makreansayu nu i fitme na kanai niha guihe siha na tiempu `nai mampusyu ñaba`. Mafattu tatte man-mames siha na memorias `nai estaba I dos amku gi entalu` tropa. Tai malefaghu ni matan nanahu gi uttimu suspirus `nai ilegña "esta". Uttimu despedida dispues humanau ha dalalag i Saina.

I muna` tutuhu` lagohu i sinantusan, humidde yan sumen poble na nana ni umuma kiluus matriatka gi halom pagyu yan katma. Ni unabes `nai sumeha. Gaige todu i tiempu gi fihon tatan mame fitme na pisu gi haanen mame. Esta masogsug mataña pot chathinassoña siha yan makat na obligasion. Lau `nai ha diñgu ham, muna`lu tatte hinibeña, lamlam yan magof fasuña.

`Nai hu katkula na esta buente kayada i motmut tautau hu tulusyu adumididi` para bai` aligau karetahu. Gi kinekeyoñghu, guaha mañagan ñaihon lokue. Hu lie` manatañges gi menan seputturan mañainan niha, misin na lagu kulan milag hanum ginen i sabana. Ha gomgum korasonhu ya esta hana` tuhu lagohu sa` hu komprende siñienten niha.

Unu seguru gi signifikasion haanen man-matai: Ni unu u soplu sa` disposision i Saina i para un` mafañagu, la`la` yan matai. Guaha `nai mattu un` triste na kuestion: Yangin estayu mapega gi sagahu, kau u fan mattu lokue famaguonhu bai` mabisita yan tayuyute? Hu sañganen maisayu na muñga man-añgohu. Pot esso na diariamente mananayuyotyu lokue para satbasionhu mismu.

I pañgpañg napun linala` un` klasen rimulinu gi haanen todus. Ya ayu ha` gai bali i ayudumu gi prohimumu. Ni unu gai pudet kumilili` guinahaña. Todus u fañaga guine para i manatatte. Ni kuantu diñañkulun tanomu, un` dikiki ha` na lugat `nai para un` mahafot. Estague` na tanu hu prekukura sa` ayu `nai u deskansa tatautauhu deste uttimu haane.

Maseha un` dia u pañotyu i eda` gi simienteyu, namagof i para un` tuñgu na gaige hau gi papa` bonitu na mapagahes paraisu, miyon yan miyon na pution siha gi lañget `an pueñge; i katen pajaru siha gi aire ya todu felis haanimu. Bai` soyu todus na in` hahassu i esta mangaige gi naftan yan ayu seha kasu i para u diñgu hit gi uttimon este na sakan. Si Yuus Maase!

Letter to the Editor

Time on task: Innovation and an argument against seat time

Do you believe that students learn more or even better, because they sit in front of their teacher for "X" amount of hours each day? Our first impression of that thought would provoke the answer "no." Most people would believe that a single teacher or even the amount of time on task is not the ultimate answer to learning. Given today's educational environment and the virtual technology world we live in, it is inconceivable that there is only one answer.

Today, our school curriculum along with many school districts is based on the Carnegie unit system, a unit of academic credit used in college admissions decisions. The unit was introduced by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching in 1914 to provide colleges with a standard measure of students' course work in high schools. A Carnegie unit represents the equivalent of one academic year of study in a subject in a class meeting four or five times a week for 40 to 60 minutes per meeting, a minimum of 120 hours of total class time.

That's pretty simple math, do the time, make the grade and graduate. The only problem is, we know that the students who are graduating are often less prepared today then we want them to be. So then the argument is to change our current practices and create an environment where teaching is allowed to be instructionally innovative and learning is measured not by the amount of seat time, but by what the child is thinking, what's in their heads, their ability to express themselves freely, and exponentially. This is not a new paradigm in the philosophy of education, no… this is an age old battle of the wits. On one hand, we can sit idly by and let mediocrity permeate our minds and those of our students or we can get out from behind the desks, get our students up from their seats and get out there and be somebody. Take charge and learn, teach, and grow.

In 1993, Ernest L. Boyer, President of the Carnegie Foundation stated, "I'm convinced the time has come once and for all to bury the old Carnegie unity. Further, since the foundation I now head created this academic measurement a century ago, I feel authorized this morning to officially declare the Carnegie unit obsolete."

Indeed the Carnegie unit has become obsolete. The National Education Commission on Time and Learning reported in their document "Prisoners of Time" (1994), that "The six-hour, 180-day school year should be relegated to museums, an exhibit from our education past. Both learners and teachers need more time-not to do more of the same, but to use all time in new, different, and better ways. The key to liberating learning lies in unlocking time."

It is this approach to learning, to designing the educational environment and the educational day, that will provide our students the keys to the doors to which they will open and walk into a world ready to take it on. Our schools are indeed institutions of learning that provide children with not only the tools to develop their skills, but a place they are connected to, a place where they feel safe, a place where unconditional acceptance of who they are and of their individual potential for learning and growth are celebrated. Today we can't be expected to sit idle and accept the practices of the past. This is also evident in President Obama's current desire to lengthen the school day. His plan is not a concrete solution to student achievement by any means, but what it does signal to most people is that there is a grave concern about our 'attitude' towards education. I have always believed schools should not be about wrote learning practices. I am a firm believer that the Carnegie unit is nothing more than an idea that seemed to work a hundred years ago and has long since been inapplicable to schools today. I am also in agreement that schools should stay open longer, that beyond the core academic subjects there is a plethora of opportunity for students to learn. That programs for members of the community to teach in extended day programs without traditional credentials are needed, that schools should be open into the night for students to participate in virtual classrooms, reinforcement, and alternative education, that new methods for demonstrating student competency or earning credit should include end-of-course exams, culminating projects, and alternative assessments aimed at content knowledge and not only the required seat time.

It has long been said that 'learning never stops', so then, why do we close school each day in the afternoon? All across America schools and school systems are creating new rules of the road, year round schools where students are able to graduate at a self pace approach, schools where students take classes never before available to them because now they have the time and the choice, students who are receiving college level instruction at high school. These are all results of forward-thinking educators who are embracing change and driving that educational train of innovation into the future. For me, I'm going to climb aboard, what I want to know is, are you coming?

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. East winds 15 to 20 mph..	Mostly cloudy. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Rain	▲85	▼76
Palau	Sunny	▲87	▼77
Yap	Sunny	▲88	▼76
Chuuk	Mostly Cloudy	▲88	▼78
Pohnpei	Showers	▲86	▼75
Kosrae	Showers	▲88	▼75
Majuro	Showers	▲85	▼77

Around The Globe

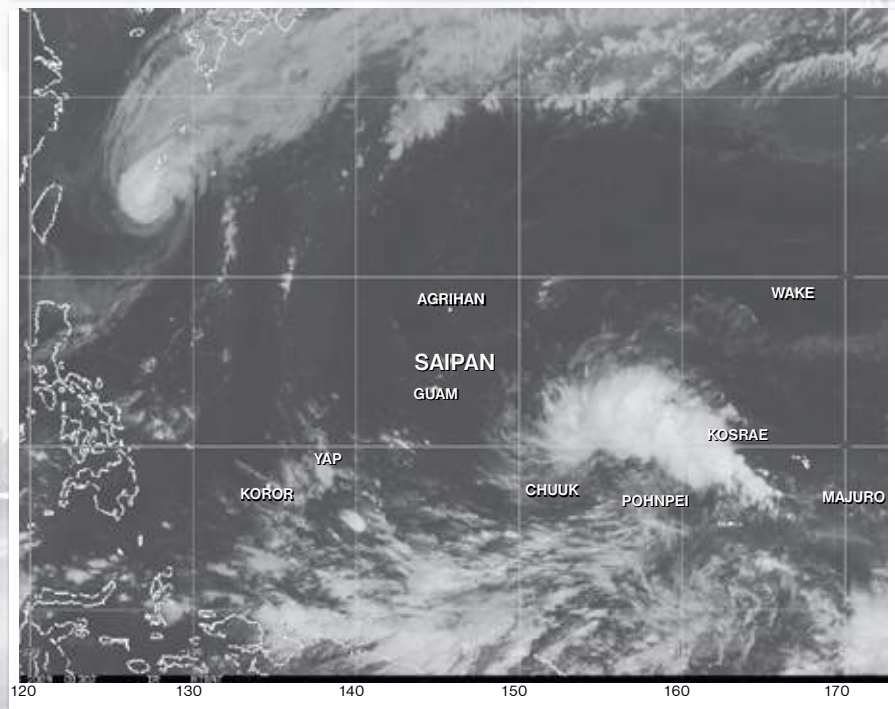
Auckland	Cloudy	▲61	▼52
Beijing	Sunny	▲67	▼44
Hong Kong	Mostly Cloudy	▲85	▼71
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲83	▼75
London	Partly Sunny	▲61	▼46
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲83	▼60
Manila	Showers	▲88	▼76
Melbourne	Sunny	▲67	▼44
Miami	Mostly Cloudy	▲86	▼79
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲60	▼47
Osaka	Rain	▲71	▼52
Paris	Partly Sunny	▲59	▼48
Pusan	Sunny	▲72	▼55
Rome	Sunny	▲71	▼53
Salem	Cloudy	▲59	▼40
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	▲69	▼53
Seoul	Sunny	▲67	▼47
Tokyo	Rain	▲65	▼56
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲63	▼48

Tides

Saipan Harbor

7:19 AM Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
3:09 PM Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
8:55 PM Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2009
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough extends southeastward from the Central Philippines to near Koror at 8N132E,then continues eastward to a tropical disturbance centered northeast of Chuuk near 10N154E, and finally turns southeastward through a low-level circulation centered south of Majuro near 4N173E to end at EQ173E. Converging west winds south of the monsoon trough are producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms south of Yap and Chuuk between the equator and 6N from 139E to 153E. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are found near the tropical disturbance north of Chuuk, Pohnpei and Kosrae within 100 miles of a line from 11N153E to 12N157E to 6N166E.

Sunrise/Sunset

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Wednesday	6:12 AM	5:50 PM
Thursday	6:12 AM	5:49 PM
Friday	6:12 AM	5:49 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	12:43 AM	
Tuesday	1:22 PM	12:24 AM
Wednesday	1:59 PM	1:12 AM
Thursday	2:34 PM	2:00 AM
Friday	3:10 PM	2:48 AM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 21, 2009

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

C09597	11:50am	12:25pm	1, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM

C09597	12:50pm	1:20pm	1, 7

SAIPAN-GUAM

C09317	4:20am	5:10am	Daily
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
C09597	11:50am	1:20pm	1, 7 via ROP
C09601	12:30pm	1:20pm	4, 5
C09603	3:30pm	4:20pm	Daily
C09605	6:30pm	7:20pm	Daily
C09599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

NW99	6:05am	8:40am	Last flights Oct. 23 and 24
NW78	9:00am	2:05pm	via NGO last flights Oct 21 and 23
NW75	3:50pm	6:25pm	Last flights Oct. 21 to 24

SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)

OZ119	4:00am	6:40am	1, 3, 4, 6

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ604	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ119	4:00am	11:20am	1, 3, 4, 6 via KIX
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

CZ3008	3:30am	6:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA

OZ604/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN
OZ604/703	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C09603/933	3:30pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:30pm	7:45am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG

OZ604/721	2:20am	11:45am	1 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:50am	11:45am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN

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ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

C09598	3:15am	3:50am	5, 6
C09312	1:20pm	1:55pm	6

GUAM-ROTA (ROP)

C09598	2:10am	2:40am	5, 6
C09312	12:10pm	12:40pm	6

GUAM-SAIPAN

C09598	2:10am	3:50am	5, 6 via ROP
C09316	2:20am	3:10am	1, 2, 3, 4, 7
C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C09600	10:20am	11:10am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
C09312	12:10pm	1:55pm	6 via ROP
C09602	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily
C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

NW76	10:00am	2:35pm	Last flights Oct. 21 to 24
NW77	6:35pm	1:40am+1	via NGO last flights Oct 20 and 22
NW100	8:45pm	1:20am+1	Last flights Oct. 22, 23 and 24

OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN

OZ120	9:55pm	2:20am+1	2, 3, 5, 7

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	4, 7
OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	2, 3, 5, 7 via KIX
OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

CZ3007	7:30pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

MANILA-SAIPAN

OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM
OZ704/605	11:50pm	2:30pm+1	3, 6 via ICN

HONG KONG-SAIPAN

OZ724/605	12:30am	2:30pm	4, 7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN

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Rota-Saipan			
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily
Guam-Rota			
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily
FRE 109*	9:10am	9:20am	Daily
FRE 111*	10:45am	10:55am	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily

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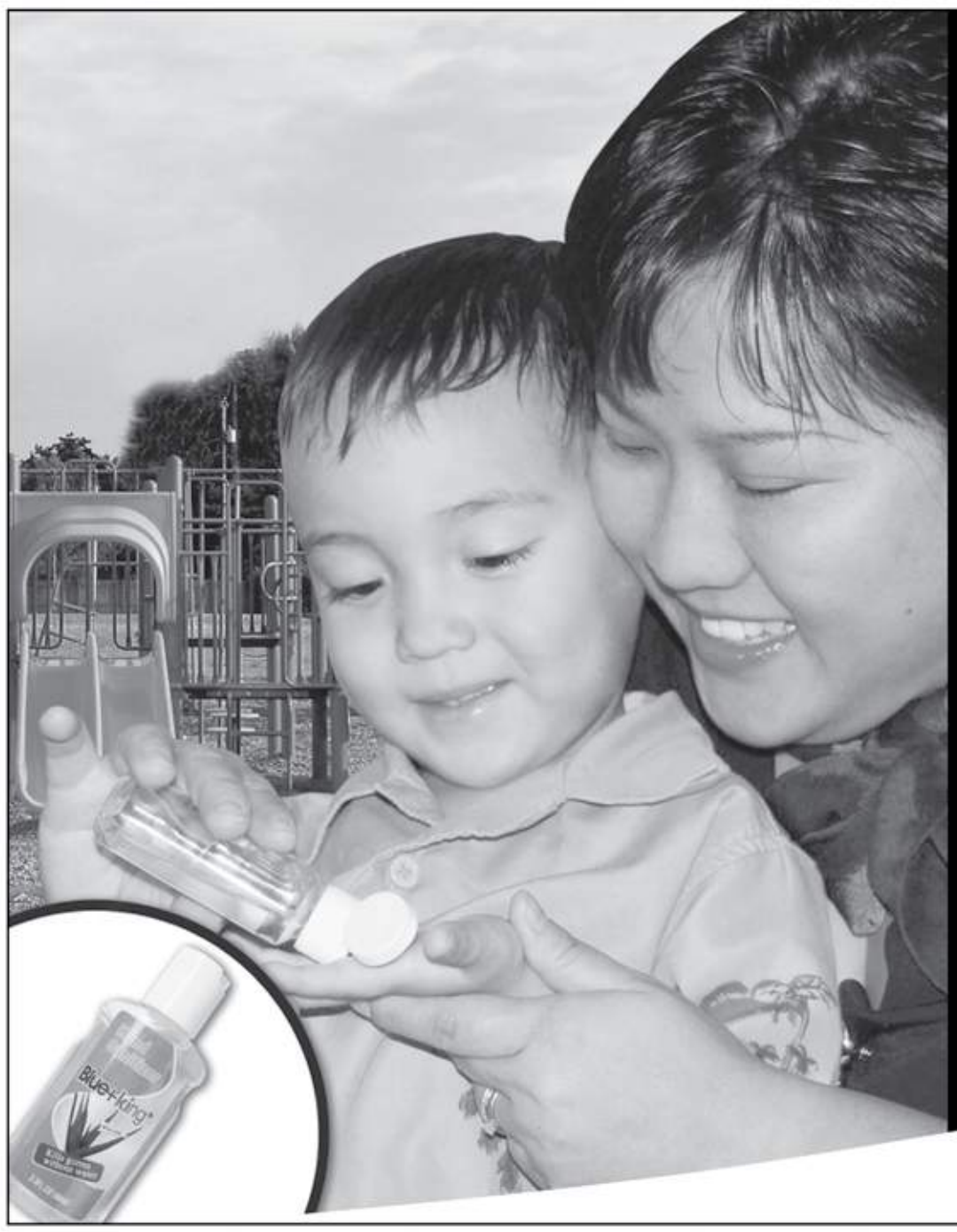

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HUMAN

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the rising and the setting of the all-important sun by creating the calendar, with the sun descending to the the Netherlands in the dark only to rise into high heaven reaching its zenith at noon, and returning to the cycle again. This knowledge allowed the residents along the Nile to create a civilization to guide their birthing and their dying, their concupiscence and inheritance, their governance and economy. When life in the by-and-by means confidence of purpose in this life, the *mythos* works; when images of life in heaven becomes an escape in dealing with the realities of life in the here-and-now, life declines into hell on earth. Our patterns of fight and/or flight, our ego characteristics, are given form by the images we live by.

The English cleric and economist Malthus, in an attempt to dampen the utopian dreaming of his time, posited that with the progress in health and wealth comes population growth which accelerates faster than food production, ergo, we will always have the poor with us, and add a misreading of evolution's selection of the fittest, sanctifies the drive to be ahead of one's peers, and glorifies the virtues of competition as the fuel that drives motivity and creativity. "Looking after #1," was flaunted like a religious truth by our business schools in the '80s. It also lives at the core of the drive for the American Empire.

Malthus still prevail in the halls of the World Bank and its regional allies and whether one aligned with John Keynes or with Milton Freidman, the economics of scarcity remains the prevailing image. We are already living the frenzy of oil peak.

The language of politics follows this dichotomy of losers and winners in the grab for scarce resources. While Bush (and now, Obama) talked of nation building in Afghanistan, the only way we seem to assess movement is in terms winning and losing a military war.

So as not to be dubbed an ignorant a second time, here's a combatant's own account addressing Christian colleagues: *" . . . the dominance of the US in arms and the mindset that only through force can we be secure (quite different from Jesus view), plus the layers upon layers (especially economic) by which this obsession with military force, military deterrence, military research is supported by those who (economically or culturally) profit from it, plus the addictive nature of 'being an empire, being a superpower and how that overwhelms what is really needed in Afghanistan or Israel or . . ."* and we understand how the win-lose military metaphor over scant resources determines the life of this nation.

Even as simple as reporting the event of a political presentation of platforms earns such phrases as "clash of ideas." Why could it not just be differences of opinion? In many public meetings where I am facilitating interchange, and someone begins with, "I do not agree . . ." I tend to respond with, "tell us what you see differently." Disagreements are products of "either/or" dichotomies; reality, as 'human natures' now reveal, are "and/both." *Vive le difference!*

After sitting through one of Tina Sablan's sunset conversations, which we shall try to make happen more often and with more people, it has become clear to me that the onus of responsibility in our time in the area of governance and political reform is not on the elected officials as it is with the emerging politics of awakened citizenry. We will pursue that thought henceforth until Election Day.

What we consider as unchangeable human nature turns out to be nothing but a compendium of biological and neurological choices, made consciously or unconsciously in the process of our physiological and cultural evolutions. This goes beyond Rodney King's sentimental plaint of *"why can't we just get along."* To participate with open heart, open mind, and open doors in societal affairs is nothing less than participating in our own 'natures', which makes humanity's evolution our own.

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Public Education on "House Legislative Initiative 16-11 to Amend Article III, Section 9(a) of the Constitution"

Question: Do you approve of House Legislative Initiative 16-11 to amend Article III, Section 9(a) of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands to prohibit the withdrawal of any funds from the General Fund except by appropriations made by law Article XV, Section 2(a) of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands? Yes or No.

Stated Findings: The Legislature finds that in the past decade the Legislature and the Governor failed to pass the budget for fiscal years 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, and 2006, by the September 1 deadline. The Legislature also finds that the submission of the Governor's proposed budget to the Legislature is on or before April 1 allowing sufficient time for members to reach an agreement by September 1, which provides the Legislature with five months to consider the budget. The failure to enact a budget has contributed to the Commonwealth Government's cumulative deficit of approximately $170 million, which is in violation of Article X, Section 6, of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, which requires that if an operating deficit is incurred in future fiscal years, that the government shall retire the deficit during the second consecutive fiscal year following the year.

The legislature also finds that 23 U.S. states contain provisions to effectuate the shutdown of government services until a budget is enacted, further emphasizing the fiscal importance of enacting a budget. Thirty-seven states have provisions against carrying deficits into the next fiscal year, which further enforces the principle of a balanced budget. The Legislature additionally finds that in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the Commonwealth it is necessary that the government continue to provide essential services without interruption and effectuate the cessation of services that are not essential in a safe, effective, and orderly manner.

There are many costs associated with the failure to enact a budget including increased operational costs, the inability to deal with contractual obligations, and increased deficit spending resulting from working at the previous year's spending levels. Other incalculable costs include the decline in public confidence in elected officials, damage to the image of the Commonwealth Government, and a poor credit rating.

General Summary: House Legislative Initiative 16-11's priority is to ensure that on October 1, the beginning of each fiscal year, the legislator has passed a balanced budget. The House concludes that in the past not having a balanced budget at the beginning of the new fiscal year has caused the Commonwealth to spend outside its means until a balanced budget is finalized and passed. Accordingly, this initiative, attempts to ensure that both the Legislators and the Governor pass a balanced budget by October 1, by suspending their salaries if they do not meet their deadlines. If the Governor does not submit a "detailed and balanced budget" to the Legislature by April 1, each year, then the Governor's salary will be suspended until a detailed and balanced budget is submitted. If the legislators do not submit and pass a balanced budget by October 1, each year, then their salaries will be suspended until they do so. If a balanced budget is not passed by October 1, then this initiative states that until a balanced budget is passed the only money that can be drawn from the general fund is for certain government services and employees whose services are "essential to the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the Commonwealth and to protect against damage to and destruction of property."

Business

Earnings reports to give picture of job market

NEW YORK (AP)—Wall Street may be roaring again and manufacturers see a bright future selling their wares in Asia. But for many Americans, it's still a downturn until the jobs come back.

This week, earnings from several companies with deep ties to corporate payrolls, consumer demand and the labor market will show whether employers are hiring, firing or holding off on filling vacancies.

This recession has already seen more than 7 million lost jobs. That's because shoppers slowed their spending, bank lending froze and businesses cut back on capital investments. So cash-strapped companies slashed payrolls—and benefits—in order to curb expenses as sales dropped.

With lending and spending still weak, companies may not be ready to start hiring again anytime soon.

The unemployment rate in September was 9.8 percent, a 26-year high. Layoffs are slowing, but joblessness is expected to peak above 10 percent early next year.

"You're looking at really sluggish growth," said Joel Naroff of Naroff Economic Advisors. Economic activity could grow 3 percent or less for years to come, he said, and productivity gains mean companies won't need to hire many people.

Private economists predict that the unemployment rate won't drop to a more normal 5 or 6 percent until 2013 or 2014.

Cash for Clunkers trade-ins piling up

WASHINGTON (AP)—Trade-ins from the Cash for Clunkers program are piling up and auto recyclers are seeking more time to meet the deadline for disposing of all those vehicles.

At some places, Ford Explorers, Chevy Blazers, Chrysler Town & Country minivans and other popular clunkers are parked bumper to bumper on several acres, many marked "C4C" on their windows, waiting to be drained of fluids, stripped of valuable parts and eventually flattened for scrap.

"I've got a parking lot of almost 4,000 vehicles right now," said Harry Haluptzok, chief executive of John's Auto Parts in Blaine, Minn., near Minneapolis. His business typically dismantles 100 vehicles per week, but the workload has now more than doubled, and Haluptzok hired 10 more workers to keep up with all the extra vehicles.

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Edukasion Pupbliku ni "House Legislative Initiative 16-11 para u Amenda i Attikulu III, Seksiona 9(a) gi Konstitusion"

Kuestion: Kåo un apreba i House Legislative Initiative 16-11 para u amenda i Attikulu III, Seksiona 9(a) gi Konstitusion i Sangkattan na Islan Marianas para u pribi i linaknos maseha håfa na fondo siha ginen i Fondon Heneråt solo ginen i apropositu siha ni fina'tinas i Attikulu XV na lai, Seksiona 2(a) gi Konstitusion i Sangkattan na Islan Marianas? Hunggan pat Åhe'.

Yåma na Sinedda' Siha: I Lehislatura ha sodda' na gi ma'pos dies åños na tiempo na i Lehisltatura yan i gobietno ti mapåsa i budget para i åños fiskåt siha desde i 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, yan 2006, ginen i Septembre 1 na deadline. I Lehislatura ha sodda' lokkue' na i nina'hålom propositon budget ni gobietno para i lehislatura på'go pat åntes di Abrit 1 ni para u nina'i sufisiente tiempo para i miembro siha para u fåtto i kontråta gi Septembre 1, ni pribeniyi i lehislatura gi halom i singko meses na tiempo para u konsidera i budget. I ti muna'otdena i budget ni manna'halom para i Gobietnamenton Commonwealth na cumulative deficit gi propiu $170 miyon pesos ni ha kontra i Attikulu X, Seksiona 6, gi Konstitusion i Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islan Marianas siha ni ha dimånda na i operating deficit ha incurred gi mamamaila' na åños fiskåt siha, na i gobietnamento debi na u ritira u deficit gi durånten i segundo åño fisikåt ni uma'atattiyi gi sigiente såkkan.

I Lehislatura lokkue' ha sodda' na 23 U.S. estådu siha mañahguan probension siha ni para efektibu i setbision i gobietnamenton siha estaki i ma'otdena i budget más mo'na inemfisisisa i empottånten i fisiskåt ni inetdonan i budget. Trenta i dos(32) na estådu manggai probension siha kontra i makåtgan i deficit siha asta i sigiente na såkkan fisikåt ni más mo'na ha nå'i fuetsa i balånsian i prinsipåt na budget. I lehislatura ha sodda' más na i manera na para u prutehi i hinemlo', siguridåt, yan minaolek i taotåo gi Commonwealth ni nesisårio na i gobietnamento ha kontinuha para u pribeniyi manprisisu na setbisio siha sin u inestotba yan effectuate i cessation i setbisio siha ni ti manprisisu l gi halom i sinafo',efektibu yan areklåo na manera.

Kantidå na gåsto siha ni mana'achule' yan i pineddong i otdenan i budget såsaonåo i inadilåntan i gåston operasion siha, ti mangkapås na kontråta yan i contractual obligations, yan i inadilåntan i malingon i gåsto ni rinisusutta ginen i che'cho' gi manma'pos na gåsto na manera siha. Otro i manmakatkula na gåsto siha såsaonåo i tumunok i konfidentsian i pupbliku gi manma'ayek na ofisiåt siha, nina'tailayi i figuran i Gobietnamenton Commonwealth, yan båban i credit rating.

Sumårian Heneråt: I House Legislative Initiative 16-11 ha na'siguru na i Oktubri 1, i tinituhon i kada såkkan fisikåt, i lehisladot ha påsa i binalånsan salåppe'. I House ha detitmina na gi manma'pos tåya' binalånsan salåppe' gi tinituhon i nuebu na såkkan fisikåt ha na'fangåsta i Commonwealth gi hiyong i nina'sinå-ña asta ki i binalånsan salåppe' mafinalisa yan mapåsa. Sigun, este i initiative, ha chagi para u na'siguru na parehu i lehisladot siha yan i Gobietno mapåsa i binalånsan salåppe' gi Oktubri 1, gi sinuspenden i suetdon-ñiha komu ti manmåtto gi iyo-ñiha deadlines. Yanggen i Gobietno ti ha na'hålom i "detailed yan binalånsan salåppe " para i lehislatura gi Abrit 1, kada såkkan, pues i suetdon i gobietno siempre masuspende asta ki ma'entrega hålom i detailed yan binalånsan salåppe' . Yanggen i Lehisladot siha ti mana'hålom yan mapåsa i binalånsan salåppe' gi Oktubri 1, kada såkkan, pues i suetdon-ñiha debi na u masuspende asta ki macho'gue. Yanggen i binalånsan salåppe' ti mapåsa gi Oktubri 1, pues este i initiative ha yåma siha na asta ki i binalånsan salåppe' mapåsa ayu ha' na salåppe' siña malaknos ginen i fondon heneråt para i pumalu na setbision gobietnamento siha yan emple'åo siha ni setbision-ñiha man"essential para i hinemlo', sinåfo', yan minaolek i taotåo i Commonwealth yan para u protehi kontra i dåñu para yan destroson propiadåt"

Nation

ACROSS THE NATION

Obama declares swine flu a national emergency

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama declared the swine flu outbreak a national emergency, giving his health chief the power to let hospitals move emergency rooms offsite to speed treatment and protect noninfected patients. The declaration, signed Friday night and announced Saturday, comes with the disease more prevalent than ever in the country and production delays undercutting the government's initial, optimistic estimates that as many as 120 million doses of the vaccine could be available by mid-October. Health authorities say more than 1,000 people in the United States, including almost 100 children, have died from the strain of flu known as H1N1, and 46 states have widespread flu activity. So far only 11 million doses have gone out to health departments, doctor's offices and other providers, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention officials. Administration officials said the declaration was a pre-emptive move designed to make decisions easier when they need to be made. Officials said the move was not in response to any single development.

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Ammatafal Toulap reel "House Initiative 16-11 iye ebwe siweli Article III, Section 9(a) reel Allégh Lapalap"

Ayegh: U aprebai "House Initiative 16-11 iye ebwe siweli Article III, Section 9(a) reel Allégh Lapalap ye reel Téél Falúw Kka Efáng Mellól Marianas iye ebwe pileey isisiwowul salapi kka sángi General Fund, bwe ngáre schagh appropriations kka e toowow mereel alléghúl Article XIV,Sectio 2(a) mereel Allégh Lapalap ye reel Téél Falúw Kka Efáng Mellól Marianas? Awer me ngáre Saabw.

Ikka re schuungil: Legislature re schuungi bwe llól rágh kka eló nge Legislature me Sów Lemelem rese bwungúw salapiyal rágh kka 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, me 2006, sángi September 1 deadline. Legislature e bwal schungi bwe isáliyalong Sow Lemelem pomwol budget ngáliir legislature nge wóól me ngáre mmwal April 1 iye re ayoor ótol membro kkaal igha rebwe bwungúw fengálli llól September 1, iye re ayoora ngáliir legislature limwoow maram igha rebwe aghiyágh wóól budget. I gha ese bwung budget aa toowow Gobennool Commonwealth aa ayoora deficit sibwe ira llapal $170 million iye ese tabweey Article X, Section 6 mereel Allégh Lapalap ye Téél Falúw Kka Efáng Mellól Commonwealth, iye e tingór bwe ngáre operating deficit e yoorolong llól rágh kka e toooto, ye Gobenno ebwe ayuwuló deficit llól aruwowal ráágh ye e tabw mwiril.

Legislature e bwal schungi bwe 23 U.S. states re ayoora alléghéló akkayulóól mwóghutul Gobenno milli yaal alléghéló budget iye ebwe bwaari pirisisul rebwe ayoora budget. Eliigh me fisuuw states kka re ayoora allégh kka ese tabweey ngáre ebwe atolongoow deficits kkaal lllól rágh ye ebwe toolong llól iye e amamaawa aweweel igha ebwe balance budget. Legislature aa bwal appashalong schungiyal bwe ngáre ebwe ammwala yaar health, safety me welfare aramasal Commonwealth bwe e pirisisu Gobenno ebwe ayoora essential services nge essóbw weires me ebwe akkayúló ikka ese ghi pirisisu nge efil.

Eghil ssogh milikka e associate ngáli budget ye ese bwung, ebwal toolong tumwóghótál operational costs, ese mmwel ebwe deal-li contractual obligations me tómwoghul deficit spending eyooretá sángi trabwaghol previous years spending levels. Akkááw incalculable costs me bwal ppaschelong ghittighiitiwel yaar apúlúghúlúghúr toulap wóór elected officials, e anngawar ló mellól Commonwealth Government me eghi sóssóletiw yaar credit rating.

Aweewe: Ghi mmwal yaal House Leghislative Initiative 16-11 nge ebwe allégh ló bwe October 1, bweletál ghal fiscal year, leghislator aa bwungúw ló balance budget, House e conclude-li bwe ighiwe igha ese yoor balanced budget bweletál fisical year ye ffé eayoora ngáli Commonwealth ebwe yááli ngáli milikka, lughul faal nge mille yaal finalized me bwung balanced budget. Accordingly, initiative ekke melal bwe ebwe alléghúló bwe iir legislators me Gobenno rebwe bwungúw ló balanced budget sángi October 1, ebwe akkayúúló óbwóósur ngáre rese meet-li yaar deadline. Ngáre Gobenno ese atootolong "detailed me balanced budget" reel legislature sángi April 1, llól ghal rágh, iwe óbwóósul Gobenno ebwe akkayúúló mille yaal atootolong "detailed me balanced budget. Ngáre Legislators rese atootolong balanced budget me féérú bwe ebwe bwung balanced budget sángi October 1, llól ghal rágh, iwe ebwe akkayúúló óbwóósur mille yaar féérú. Ngáre balanced budget ese bwung sángi October 1, iwe initiative yeel e irátiw bwe mille yaal bwung balanced budget salapi ye schagh e mmwel ebwe toowow sángi general fund iye ebwe yááyá ngáli schagh akkááw government services me schóól tarabwagho kka yaar angaang e "essential ngáli health, safety, me amweleer(welfare) aramasal Commonwealth me ebwe affáliir mereel damage me destruction of property.

Church janitor charged in slaying of NJ priest

MORRISTOWN, N.J. (AP)—Authorities investigating the slaying of a priest arrested the church janitor Saturday, alleging he stabbed the cleric 32 times with a kitchen knife after arguing with him in the rectory. Morris County Prosecutor Robert Bianchi said 64-year-old Jose Feliciano was charged in the murder of the Rev. Ed Hinds, whose body was found Friday in the rectory kitchen of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Chatham. The announcement of Feliciano's arrest was met with shock and tears at Saturday evening Mass, a double blow to the church community where the priest had served for six years and the janitor had worked for 17. The pair got into an argument on Thursday evening, and it was during the altercation that Feliciano grabbed a knife and stabbed the 61-year-old Hinds multiple times, Bianchi said.

Pilot who overshot airport denies crew was napping

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—The first officer of the Northwest Airlines jet that missed its destination by 150 miles says he and the captain were not sleeping or arguing in the cockpit but he wouldn't explain their lapse in response and the detour. "It was not a serious event, from a safety issue," pilot Richard Cole said late Friday in front of his Salem, Ore., home. "I would tell you more, but I've already told you way too much." Air traffic controllers and pilots had tried for more than an hour Wednesday night to contact the Minneapolis-bound flight. Officials on the ground alerted National Guard jets to prepare to chase the airliner, though none of the military planes left the runway.

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND RAPID RE-HOUSING PROGRAM (HPRP)

This ad is paid for by NMHC with HUD funds.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Northern Marianas Hosing Corporation (NMHC) would like to announce to the CNMI general public that a funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and is administered by the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is now available for assistance for all families and individuals who meet the criteria and eligibility of the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)

ABOUT THE PROGRAM:
The purpose of the **Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)** is to provide homelessness prevention assistance to households who would otherwise become homeless—many due to the economic crisis—and to provide assistance to rapidly re-house persons who are homeless as defined by section 103 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11302)

HPRP is focused on housing for homeless and at-risk households. It will provide temporary financial assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services to individuals and families who are homeless or would be homeless but for this assistance. The funds under this program are intended to target two populations of persons facing housing instability: 1) individuals and families who are currently in housing but are at risk of becoming homeless and need temporary rent or utility assistance to prevent them from becoming homeless or assistance to move to another unit (prevention), and 2) individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness (residing in emergency or transitional shelters or on the street) and need temporary assistance in order to obtain housing and retain it (rapid re-housing).

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS CRITERIA:
- Person(s) who meet(s) definition of extremely low income (less than 30 percent of Area Median Income) as defined by Section 8; and
- Person(s) who is/are homeless (must meet at least one of the "Indicators of Homelessness" as follows); or
- Person(s) who is/are at risk of being homeless (must meet at least one of the "Risk Factors for Homelessness" as follows).

TYPES OF ASSISTANCE INCLUDE:
- Rental Assistance
- Security Deposits
- Utility Deposits
- Utility Payments
- Moving Cost Assistance
- Motel or Hotel Vouchers

INDICATORS OF HOMELESSNESS:
- Sleeping in an emergency shelter;
- Sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, abandoned buildings, streets/sidewalks, and/or beaches;
- Staying in a hospital or other institution for up to 180 days but was sleeping in an emergency shelter or other place not meant for human habitation (cars, parks, streets, etc.) immediately prior to entry into the hospital or institution;
- Graduating from, or timing out of a transitional housing program; and
- Victim(s) of domestic violence.

(***Note***: HPRP personnel must verify, assess and document participant claims before certifying for eligibility.)

RISK FACTORS OF HOMELESSNESS:
- Eviction within 2 weeks from a private dwelling (including housing provided by family or friends).
- Discharge within 2 weeks from an institution in which the person has been a resident for more than 180 days (including prisons, mental health institutions, hospitals).
- Residency in housing that has been condemned by housing officials and is no longer meant for human habitation.
- Sudden and significant loss of income.
- Sudden and significant increase in utility costs.
- Mental health and substance abuse issues.
- Physical disabilities and other chronic health issues, including HIV/AIDS.
- Severe housing cost burden (greater than 50 percent of income for housing costs).
- Homeless in last 12 months .
- Young head of household (under 25 with children or pregnant).
- Current or past involvement with child welfare, including foster care.
- Pending foreclosure of rental housing.
- Extremely low income (less than 30 percent of Area Median Income).
- High overcrowding (the number of persons exceeds health and/or safety standards for the housing unit size).
- Past institutional care (prison, treatment facility, hospital) .
- Recent traumatic life event, such as death of a spouse or primary care provider, or recent health crisis that prevented the household from meeting its financial responsibilities..
- Credit problems that preclude obtaining of housing.
- Significant amount of medical debt.

SUB-GRANTEES INFO:
The following non-profit organizations and government agency was contracted by the **Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC)** to assist and disseminate information of the **Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)** through funding made available by The **Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**. The **CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities (CDD), Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems Inc. (NMPASI)** and the Coalition for Anti-Stigma of Mental Illness in the CNMI (CAMI).

Please contact the following Agencies for more information, assistance, and inquiries.

NMPASI will be accepting applications starting Monday October 26, 2009.

CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities (CDD) at 664-7000 (Voice) TTY: 664-7002 Fax: 664-7030
Website: www.cnmicdd.org

Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems Inc. (NMPASI) at 235-7273/4 (Voice)
TTY: 235-7278 Fax: 235-7275 Website: www.nmpasi.com

Coalition for Anti-Stigma of Mental Illness in the CNMI (CAMI) at 288-5293 (Voice).

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PRINIPONEN ATKILON TANU PUBLIKU

Guaha priniponen atkilon tanu publiku giya Chalan Kanoa Tanu Numeru 014 H 01, poku mas o`menos Kiñientus Ochentai Ochu (588) metru kuatdrao.

Maseha haye libre muna` halom opiñion pot este na priniponen usun tanu publiku. Siña muna` halom hau sentimientu guato gi kabesanten tanu publiku gi maseha manu na offisinan tanu entre Luta, Tinian yan Saipan. Uttimu haane pot nina` halom opiñion i Nobembre dia 2, 2009.

I para u inatkila este na lugat i kompanian Mike's Manufacturing, Inc., kompania guine giya Marianas. I umiluluye este na kuetpon kompania i sigiente siha: Ji Young Shin, Eun Hie Shin, yan Bo Ok Shin. I offisiat siha: Eun Hie Shin, presidente; So Young Shin-Thouvenin, segundu presidente; Bo Ok Shin, sekretariu/tresurariu.

I man-atkikila para u usa i lugat para sagan kareta yan lokue sumasaonao ayo na fasilidat i humahatme gi tanu publiku. Este na atkilon si Señor Chang Wang Jang i munigosiu yan sumera i kontrata.

I tetminon este na kontrata para bente siñku años (25 years) ya libre lokue i umatkikila umekstende para talu kinse años (15 years) na tiempu.

I atkilon gaige gi monhayan na ripot mafananaan "appraisal", (ininan yan inestudian kuantu baliña i tanu publiku) ni para uma-atkila. I depattamienton tanu taya ha resibi otro propositu pot uson este na tanu publiku. I kopian i maproponen kontråtan atkilon siña machule' gi ofisinan Dipattamenton Tano' Pupbliku Siha, gaige gi sigundo(2nd) bibienda gi as Joeten Dandan Commercial Building giya Dandan, Saipan; i sigundo(2nd) bibienda gi Bank of Saipan Commercial Building, Luta; pat i primet(1st) pisu gi Kings Commercial Building, Tinian.

I Dipattamenton Tano' Pupbliku siha ha risibi tåya' na tinahguen propositu siha para i atkilon suheton tåno' pupbliku giya Chalan Kanoa, Saipan.

ARONG REEL POMWOL AKKILONUL FALAWEER TOULAP

Sángi Tálil ye 106 (b) mellól Alléghúl Toulap ye 15-2, Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falaweer Toulap ekke isisiwow ammataf igha ebwe akkilaaló eew falaweer toulap mellól Seipél, Commonwealth Téél Falúw Kka Efáng, Marianas.

Toulap kka eyoor mafiyeer reel pomwol akkiloon yeel rebwe afangalong me bwal sángi Alléghúl Toulap ye 15-2, arong yeel ebwe akkatéwow.

i. Pomwol akkilonul falaweer toulap ye ekke bwáári bwe Lot No. 014 H 01, ebwe yoor 588 sq meters, e lapeló ngáre e ghittiw, elo Elal Ghaloowa Seipél. Tilighiyal bwuley yeel elo Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falaweer toulap ngáre óubwe amweri.

ii. Schóóy Akkiloon nge Mike's Manufacturing, Inc. Corporationul CNMI. Board of Directors llól Corporation yeel nge Ji Young Shin, EUN Hie Shin me Bo Ok Shin.

Samwoolul Cooporation yeel nge Eun Hie Shin, Arúschayúl So Young Shin – Thouvenin. Secretary me Treasurer nge Bo Ok Shin.

iii. Pomwol akkiloon yeel nge sángi yaal aweewe Mr. Chang Whan Jang.

iv. Schóóy akkiloon ebwe yááyá bwuley reel parkingil ghareeta me encroaching building structure.

Tool pomwol akkiloon yeel nge 25 ráágh, me emmwel ebwe bwal sóbwusóbw ngáli 15 ráágh.

Pomwol akkiloonul llól ráágh nge ebwe mwir sángi llapal méél falúw (appraisal value) me bwal millikka e akkayú llól bwuley.

v. Pomwol Akkiloon yeel nge emmwel ebwe bweibwogh me Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falaweer Toulap, 2nd floor Joeten Dandan Commercial Bldg. Dandan, Seipél, 2nd floor Bank of Saipan Commercial Bldg, Luuta, me ngáre 1st floor Kings Commercial Bldg. Tchúlúyól.

vi. Ese yoor bwal eew pomwol akkiloon Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falaweer Toulap e Amwuschi bwe iye schagh elo Elal Ghaloowa,Seipél.

vii. Samwoolul Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falaweer Toulap ebwe bwughi aghiyágh, Mángemáng me aingiing mereer schóókka re tipeli wóól me ngáre mmwal Ariyamoy 2, 2009, mellól Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falaweer Toulap mewóól Seipél, Tchúlúyól me Luuta.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE OF PUBLIC LAND

In accordance with Section 106 (b) of Public Law 15-2, the Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent to lease certain public lands in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the lease of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 15-2, the following pertinent information is required to be published.

i. The proposed lease of public land is described as Lot No. 014 H 01, containing an area of approximately 588 square meters, more or less, situated in Chalan Kanoa, Saipan. A copy of the location of the parcel is available at the Department of Public Lands for inspection.

ii. The prospective lessee is Mike's Manufacturing, Inc., a CNMI Corporation. The Board of Directors of the Corporation are Ji Young Shin, Eun Hie Shin, and Bo Ok Shin.

The President of the Corporation is Eun Hie Shin. The Vice President is So Young Shin-Thouvenin. The Secretary and Treasurer is Bo Ok Shin.

iii. The proposed lease was negotiated by Mr. Chang Whan Jang.

iv. The lessee shall use the premises solely for the purpose of maintaining vehicular parking space and an encroaching commercial building structure.

The term of the proposed lease agreement is 25 years, with an option to extend the lease for an additional 15 years.

The proposed annual rental during the term is based on a percentage of the appraised fair market value of the property, including existing structure(s).

v. A copy of the proposed lease agreement may be obtained at the office of the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan; the 2nd floor of the Bank of Saipan Commercial Building, Rota; or the 1st floor of the Kings Commercial Building, Tinian.

vi. The Department of Public Lands has received no alternative proposals to lease the subject public land in Chalan Kanoa, Saipan.

vii. The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before November 2, 2009 at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota or Tinian.

World

UN nuclear inspectors head to Iran to visit site

VIENNA (AP)—A team of U.N. inspectors went to Iran on Saturday to visit a recently revealed nuclear site, amid new efforts to curb Iran's nuclear program.

The International Atomic Energy Agency experts are slated to examine an unfinished uranium enrichment facility near the holy city of Qom to verify it is for peaceful purposes. Disclosure of its existence last month raised international suspicion over the extent and aim of the country's nuclear program.

Iran insists its nuclear program serves to generate power and denies allegations it is trying to make nuclear weapons. Tehran asked for more time Friday to consider a U.N.-backed plan to ship much of its uranium to Russia for enrichment.

The U.S., Russia and France endorsed the deal Friday, but Iran's representative to the IAEA, Ali Asghar Soltanieh, said Tehran wants until next week to respond

WORLD BRIEFS

Storm drifts away from Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Tropical Storm Lupit drifted away from the Philippines on Saturday after a week of zigzagging across the rain-soaked north, allowing residents who had been evacuated to return to their homes.

The erratic direction of Lupit—meaning cruel in Filipino—had baffled forecasters. The typhoon was expected to ram into northeastern Cagayan province Friday, but weakened into a tropical storm and stayed offshore. It was the third successive storm in a month to threaten the region. Authorities shepherded at least 2,500 people to seek shelter following back-to-back typhoons in late September and early October that killed nearly 1,000 people, most of them buried in mudslides.

Pakistani army takes Taliban chief's hometown

ISLAMABAD (AP)—The army claimed Pakistan's Taliban were in disarray after soldiers captured the hometown of the militants' chief Saturday, a strategic prize as the military pushes deeper into an insurgent stronghold along the Afghan border. The Taliban militants have carried a string of terrorist strikes in Pakistani cities in response to the operation. A suicide bomber in a car killed a police officer early Sunday on a highway that runs between the capital Islamabad and Lahore. The 8-day-old air and ground offensive in the South Waziristan tribal region is a key test of nuclear-armed Pakistan's campaign against Islamist militancy. It has already spurred a civilian exodus and deadly retaliatory attacks.

SKorea: Summit should help resolve nuclear dispute

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—A summit between the two Koreas should help resolve the dispute over North Korea's nuclear programs, a South Korean official said, as an envoy for the North met with a U.S. government negotiator in likely pursuit of bilateral talks with Washington. North Korea's No. 2 nuclear negotiator, Ri Gun, has traveled to the U.S. on the invitation of private organizations and met on Saturday in New York with the chief U.S. nuclear negotiator Sung Kim, a State Department spokesman said. Kim conveyed "our position on denuclearization and the six-party talks," spokesman Noel Clay said in a statement.

Message of Appreciation

We, the family of the late

Ruben Torres Silvestre Sr.

would like to thank Kagman High School faculty staff and students, Cellular Pro, Kalayaan, relatives, friends, neighbors, and to all the people that helped us in our time of sorrow. Thank you for all the help, support and prayers.

May God bless you and your family.

Thank you, Maraming Salamat Po and Si Yu'us Ma'ase.

The Family

Health & Fitness

Performers keep fellow runners on their toes

By VICKY HALLETT
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W**ASHINGTON**—In the moments before the start of the Army Ten-Miler this month, Sgt. 1st Class Don Francisco didn't exactly blend in at the front of the pack. As the elites leaned forward with solemn faces, Francisco energetically squatted up and down in his star-spangled red, white and blue ensemble, offered a high-five to a kid on the sidelines and warmed up his fife.

Yep, I mean the Colonial-era flute, which the 44 year old from Alexandria, Va, has played for years as part of the Army's Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps. About a decade ago, his dentist joked that Francisco should play the instrument while running. That's how the fifer became a long-running (and fast-running) staple of the race, tooting out an average of three songs per mile (sample repertoire: "Grand Old Flag," "Inspector Gadget" theme song and the theme from "Rocky.")

As Flute Dude, Francisco has earned a top spot among Washington's growing ranks of runners who do more than just put one foot in front of the other. He leads a pack that includes the guys preparing to clip-clop down 17th Street in Dupont Circle on Tuesday for the annual High Heel Race and the legions of fun-runners who are gathering pumpkin suits, Pilgrim outfits and elf hats for the battery of holiday-themed events over the next few months.

Chances are—with the exception of the cross-dressing High Heel Race champ—most of the winners will opt for more-boring attire. But coming in first isn't always the point. Over the past few years, as running has transformed from being the sport of naturally nimble elites to a welcoming activity for anyone interested in a physical challenge, races have become less stuffy affairs. And if there's one way to make it easier to meet people while putting a smile on their faces (and yours), it's wearing something or adopting a style that makes you stand out.

No one does that better than the hot-to-trot trio of the Juggler, the Jump Roper and Tuxedo Man, who will all be participating in the Marine Corps Marathon on Sunday. If you've done a road race in the D.C. area, chances are you've run into one of them and the unexpected sight has given you a boost of energy.

After all, how can you not forget some of the pain while watching Barry Goldmeier (a.k.a. the Juggler) keep a whopping five balls airborne during races? "I just thought I could do this," says the 45-year-old statistician from Rockville, Md., explaining why he picked up the hobby 20 years ago.

He knew he had the talent, but he didn't put it on display until his co-workers at the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission were putting together a team for the Capital Challenge, a goofy three-mile competition between media and government types. "I told them, `Well, okay, but I'm going to go really slow and juggle.' They thought I was kidding," he says.

He wasn't. And after 15-plus years of racing, he has built up to juggling in more than a dozen marathons a year. It sounds exhausting, but he says he gets through it by never fretting about his time. "If I go 15 minutes slower, it's no big deal because I'm the only guy juggling," he explains. "If I go in five hours or six hours, I'm still that first juggler."

His mentor, Carlos Coffman, is always the first jump-roper. The 48 year old from Bowie, Md., has been raising eyebrows at races for 20 years with his unusual prop, but he makes it very clear he doesn't consider himself a sideshow. "It's not a trick, not a gimmick. It's a full-blown exercise program," Coffman says.

He's a former regular runner who injured his knee, and after experimenting with ways to find a low-impact replacement, he developed a backward-throwing rope technique called IROPE that allows him to speed walk while getting an upper-body burn. That doesn't mean, however, that it doesn't look really cool when he nonchalantly throws his arms in different patterns and swings the string under his feet with just a hint of a hop. "A lot of people find it unbelievable," he says.

Upcoming races

By VICKY HALLETT
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The Capital Running Co.'s Kathy Freedman, who organizes the Jingle All the Way 10K, has witnessed an increase in folks racing in Santa hats and reindeer antlers. "One year there was even a guy running with a menorah on his head," she says.

HIGH HEEL RACE This two-block Dupont Circle tradition isn't so much about the exercise as it is about the fabulous duds. Expect more sauntering than sprinting. Oct. 27 at 9 p.m. 17th and Church streets NW, D.C.. Free.

YMCA-BETHESDA CHEVY CHASE TURKEY CHASE 10K The largest race in Montgomery County, Md., always inspires at least a few runners to dress up like gobblers. Nov. 26 at 8:30 a.m. 9401 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda. (301) 530-3725 or www.turkeychase.com. Registration $26-$45.

JINGLE ALL THE WAY 10K Along with a bib and T-shirt, registered runners get a set of jingle bells to tie to their shoes. Dec. 13 at 7:45 a.m. West Potomac Park, Ohio and West Basin drives SW, D.C. www.runwashington.com. Registration $20-$30.

Avoiding Shellfish

Special to The Washington Post

People who are allergic to shellfish need to watch out for both crustaceans and mollusks, though folks who are allergic to one kind of shellfish may not be allergic to those in the other group, according to the Food Allergy Initiative (www.faiusa.org). Some things to keep in mind:

■ Crustaceans include shrimp, crab, crawfish and lobster. Mollusks include abalone, clam, cockle, mussel, oyster, octopus, scallop, snail and squid.

■ Dishes and ingredients that may contain shellfish protein are bouillabaisse, fish stock, flavoring, seafood flavoring and surimi, a fish paste often used in imitation shellfish.

■ When eating at restaurants or other people's homes, check with the chef to make sure your meal hasn't been cooked or prepared with the same utensils and cookware, on the same work surfaces or in the same oil as shellfish.

■ The federal Food Allergen Labeling and Consumer Protection Act requires that any packaged food that contains shellfish must list the name of the shellfish on the label.

SOURCE: Food Allergy Initiative

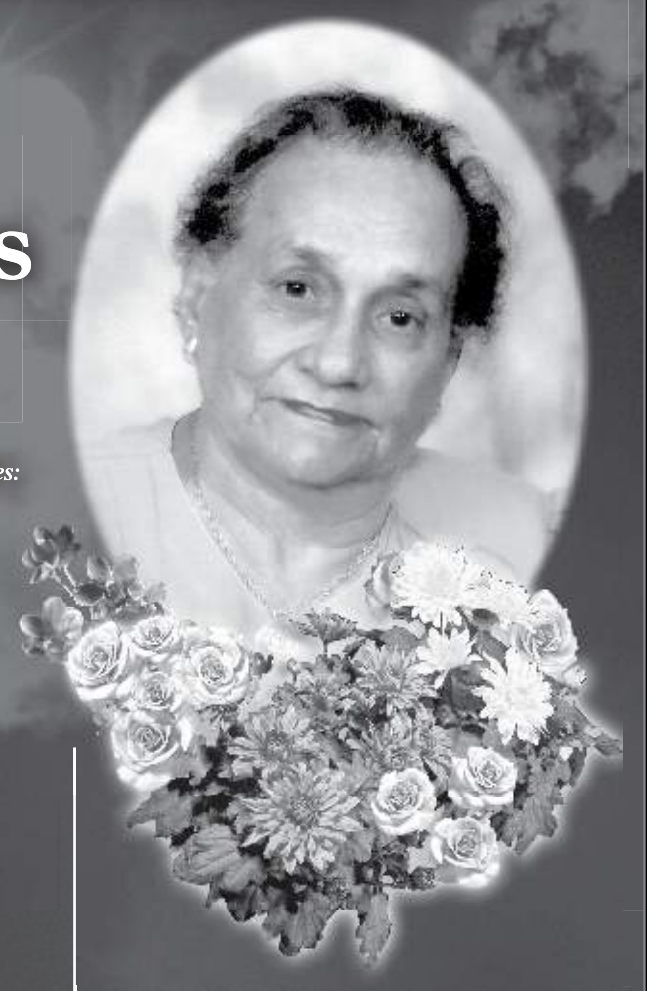
Death and Funeral Announcement

In celebration of her new life

Anunciacion Sablan Palacios

Lovingly known as "Uncha Neni"

DOB: March 20, 1923
DOD: October 16, 2009



Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her Children and Spouses:

Roman S. & Patricia T. Palacios & Family
Jesusa P. & Joaquin M. Iglecias & Family
George S. & Lydia R. Palacios & Family
Antonia P. & Jay J. Corral & Family
Darlene P. Macaranas & Family
David S. & Margarita M. Palacios & Family
Rita S. Palacios & Louie Dimla & Family
Anuncia S. Palacios & Adam Mazon & Daughter
Jesse S. Palacios & Mylyn Juni & Daughter

Brothers/Sisters & Spouses: **Tomasa C. & Leopoldo Naraja & Family**, **Ana C. Toy & Son**, **Antonia C. & Fermin M. Sakisat & Family**, **Jesus D. & Victorina C. Sablan & Family**

Brothers In-Law: **Francisco M. Palacios & Family**, **Jose S. Pinaula & Family**

Caretakers: **Elenita Banel**, **Aurora Torres**, **Lina Marucot**

Uncha Neni is also survived by numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and relatives.

In her new life, she now joins:

Husband	+Jesus Muna Palacios
Mother	+Rita Sablan Camacho
Father	+Gregorio SN. Sablan
Step Father	+Jesus C. Camacho
Reared Mother	+Emilia P. Sablan
Reared Father	+Vicente R. Sablan
Mother In-Law	+Natividad M. Palacios
Son In-Law	+Richard I. Macaranas
Sisters & Brothers In-Law	+Antonina C./+Miguel P. Tenorio
	+Teodora S. Camacho
	+Juana C. Pinaula
	+Jesusa S. Camacho
	+Matilde S. /Marcus Untalan
	+Rita S./+Luis C. Tenorio
	+Rosalia S./+Juan Pangelinan
	+Clark Toy
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	+Ignacio S./+Rosa T. Camacho
	+Vicente D./+Michiko H. Sablan
	+Rufina Palacios

Daily mass is being offered at Mount Carmel Cathedral at 6:00am and nightly rosary is also being offered at Mount Carmel Cathedral at 7:00pm.

On October 28, 2009 (Wednesday) her remains will be escorted from Borja's Funeral Home to Mount Carmel Cathedral at 7:00am. Viewing and last respects begin at 8:00am. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30am followed by the interment services at Chalan Kanoa cemetery.

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers and un dangkulo na si Yu'us Ma'ase.

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Life & Style

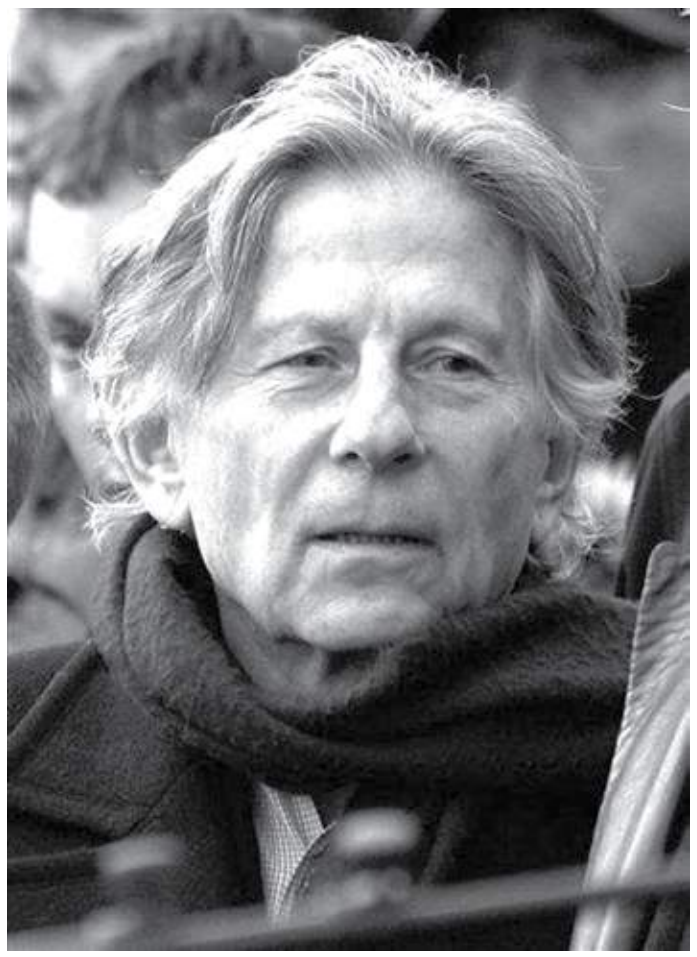
US files Polanski extradition request in sex case

GENEVA (AP)—The United States has asked Switzerland to hand over Roman Polanski to authorities in California, where he could serve up to two years in prison for having sex in 1977 with a 13-year-old girl, Swiss and U.S. authorities said Friday.

The Justice Ministry said in a statement that Washington filed its formal extradition request late Thursday. The 76-year-old filmmaker has been in Swiss custody since his arrest Sept. 26 as he arrived in Zurich to attend a film festival.

The request has been forwarded to Zurich authorities, who will hold a hearing on an unspecified date to decide whether Polanski should be sent back to Los Angeles. If extradition is approved, Polanski may appeal the decision to Switzerland's top criminal court and, theoretically, to the Federal Supreme Court.

That means the director of such film classics as "Rosemary's Baby" and "Chinatown" could remain in a Swiss jail for months more of legal wrangling, even though legal experts say he has little chance of avoiding a return to the United States after 31 years as a fugitive.



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This is a Jan. 15, 2009 file photo, of film director Roman Polanski in Montrouge, France.

The maximum sentence Polanski can receive in California is likely two years, said Terry Thornton, spokeswoman for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. She said the sentence would come under laws that existed at the time of the crime, but she did not know if he could receive credit for time served in Swiss detention.

The Los Angeles County district attorney's office declined comment.

Folco Galli, a spokesman for Switzerland's Justice Ministry, said the sentence couldn't be longer because Polanski could only be punished for the crime that is the basis of his extradition.

In Paris, Polanski's lawyer said the director would fight extradition.

"He will oppose this request and continue to ask to be released until the request is examined," Herve Temime said.

The U.S. had until late November to file for extradition, but the Swiss were already asking on Oct. 5 that the Americans expedite the process, according to documents obtained by the AP.

In an e-mail exchange obtained by the AP under U.S. public records request, Los Angeles prosecutors noted that the "Swiss were very eager to receive an advance English copy of our papers" and "the sooner that the Swiss knew we had filed formal papers the better."

There was no mention in correspondence of the intense public scrutiny over Polanski's arrest in the Alpine country, which tipped off U.S. authorities that he was expected five days before his apprehension at Zurich's airport.

Swiss officials have defended the move as routine procedure. But several politicians and commentators have argued that Switzerland may have cooperated too energetically, and that recent U.S.-Swiss troubles over wealthy American tax cheats and Swiss banks may have provided motivation for the arrest.

AP interview: Cosby keeps it clean for humor prize

WASHINGTON (AP)—Bill Cosby still thinks America is funny—like the name-calling over health care and the way we drink so much water from plastic bottles that could be toxic—even though he says the nation has some serious problems it needs to tackle.

The 72-year-old who has long drawn laughs for his wisecracks and deadpan observations will receive the nation's foremost humor prize Monday at the Kennedy Center in Washington. Jerry Seinfeld, Chris Rock, Sinbad and other top entertainers will line up to honor him with the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor.

It's a prize Cosby has turned down twice before because he said he was disgusted with profanity and N-words thrown around by performers honoring Richard Pryor, who was the first recipient in 1998.

"I told them flat out no because I will not be used, nor will Mark Twain be used, in that way," he told The Associated Press from his home in New York.

The profanity bugs Cosby. He always kept it clean with the family laughs on "The Cosby Show," portraying a middle-class black family and everyday life, from 1984 to 1992. And he's not impressed with today's comedians who can't help but curse.

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In this file photo from Aug. 19, 2009, comedian Bill Cosby speaks in the Capitol Rotunda in Harrisburg, Pa., during a news conference. Cosby will be awarded with the 12th annual Mark Twain Prize for American Humor from the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington on Oct. 26, 2009.

It took a chat with Kennedy Center President Michael Kaiser this year at Sen. Edward Kennedy's birthday celebration for Cosby to accept the award this time.

"What I wanted was to associate my work with why I do what I do," he said.

For a man with a master's degree and doctorate in education, his life is about more than laughs.

So Cosby helped craft the tribute show—airing Nov. 4 nationwide on PBS—to capture his overarching emphasis on taking education seriously and telling stories that teach something in the process. He's planned a special nod to his beloved Central High School in Philadelphia, with fellow alumnus James DePreist conducting their alma mater.

Producers of the show are worried it won't be funny, Cosby said. But he said there will still be plenty of entertainment.

Cappy McGarr, one of the show's executive producers, said they're thrilled with the lineup, which also includes Carl Reiner, Wynton Marsalis, and "Cosby" co-stars Phylicia Rashad and Malcolm-Jamal Warner. The producers shape each show around the honoree and have had Cosby on their list for years. McGarr explained the tribute to Pryor aired for a different audience on Comedy Central and wasn't meant to be offensive, but the show has aired on PBS ever since.

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Emergency Repair: Fuel tank # 106 and 105, Power Plant 1, Saipan

The Office of the Executive Director, commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting sealed bids from qualified individuals or firms for the Emergency Repair: Fuel tank # 106 and 105, Power Plant 1, Saipan, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The tank # 106 has been out of operation for more than 2 years while the tank # 105 is still in use.

A mandatory site visit and pre-bid meeting is scheduled for October 19x, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. local time at CUC Power Plant 1 Administration Building, Lower Base, Saipan, to ensure that the contractors are fully aware of the work involved and familiarize with the site conditions. All proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the proposers due to lack of information or understanding of the plant site conditions in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid or performance of work under the contract.

One (1) original and five (5) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"IFB 10 – 002 – Emergency Repair: Fuel tank # 106 and 105, Power Plant 1, Saipan"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **Friday, October 30, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.**, local time, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

The bidder is required to submit a copy of his CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less that the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page – http://www.dol.gov/esa/minwage/cnmi/cnmi.htm. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

The Scope-of-Work and Bid package will be **e-mailed**, upon request, to all interested bidders, by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, during working days, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., local time, **until October 23, 2009**. Contractors are advised that the work will be carried our as a part of CUC response actions under the consent decree noted as Stipulated Order No. 2 (SO 2).

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. local time on Thursday, October 22, 2009,** to and Mr. Venugopal Prabhakara, power Generation Managing Engineer via email at venu@cucgov.net or Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr., Procurement & Supply Manager via email at msablan@cucgov.net or Ms. Rebecca Grimes via email at beckyg@cucgov.net.

Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the interest of the government.

/s/TIMOTHY M. CONNOR
Legal Counsel

/s/ABE UTU MALAE
Assistant Executive Director for Operation

/s/ANTONIO S. MUNA
Executive Director

30 Day NOTICE

The Workforce Investment Agency under the Office of the Governor and in accordance with the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 at § 134 (d) (4) (G) (ii), and the regulations at § 663.430, provide that, under limited circumstances, contracts for training rather than ITA's (Individual Training Accounts) may be used. Contracts may be used when there is insufficient number of eligible providers in a local area. This exception applies primarily to rural areas. The Act reforms the local service delivery system by eliminating the current practice of assigning participants to contracted training services and instead establishing a system that maximizes customer choice in the selection of training providers.

With limited training providers in the CNMI, the CNMI Workforce Investment Agency is in the process of developing for incumbent workers Certified Billing and Coding Specialist (CBCS) training in the form of a contract for training instead of ITA's.

The Workforce Investment Agency under the Office of the Governor hereby publishes this NOTICE for 30 day public comment period for interested providers. Comments must be submitted in writing and addressed to Ms. Edith DeLeon Guerrero, WIA Executive Director at Gov't. Bldg. No. 1215, Capitol Hill, Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950 or email at gov.wia@pticom.com.

Criminal charges dismissed against Kanye West

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A court commissioner on Friday dismissed criminal charges against Kanye West and his road manager stemming from their scuffle with photographers last year.

Misdemeanor charges were filed after West and his manager were arrested on Sept. 11, 2008, after an altercation with two photographers at Los Angeles International Airport. The struggle was recorded and broadcast by celebrity Web site TMZ.

The photographers and the rapper have reached civil settlements over the case, which resulted in a still camera, flash, and a video camera being broken.

West's attorney, Blair Berk, successfully argued the case should be dismissed because of the agreement and that California law allows for certain criminal cases to be settled out of court.

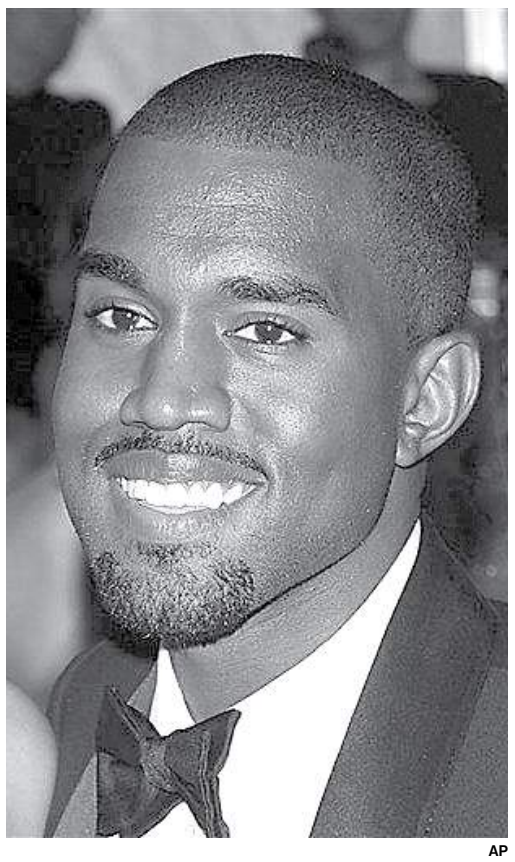
West, 32, was not required to and did not appear in court on Friday.

Deputy City Attorney Felton Newell argued the charges shouldn't be dismissed because West and his manager, Don Crawley, intended to commit a felony and that one of the photographers was slightly injured in the scuffle.

Berk noted that county prosecutors had declined to file felony charges in the case, and that it took city attorneys more than six months to file misdemeanor battery, vandalism, and grand theft charges against West. She said the case was "wildly overcharged" and that it should be dismissed in the interests of justice, fairness and common sense.

West and Crawley have already completed 12 hours of anger management classes, Berk said.

Los Angeles Superior Court Commissioner Mark Zuckman dismissed the case, but wants both men to perform 50 hours of community service.



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In this May 4, 2009 file photo, Kanye West arrives at the Metropolitan Museum of Art's Costume Institute Gala benefit in New York.

He said he was taking into account the steps West and Crawley had already taken, their agreement with the photographers, and that there were no lasting injuries to the men. He also noted that neither man had a criminal history.

Berk said she was "very pleased" with the outcome.

"We objected to the motion but ultimately we have to respect the decision of the court," city attorney spokesman Frank Mateljan said.

The altercation was another example of West's notoriously testy temper, but also the first time his actions had turned physical rather than verbal. He verbally assailed President George W. Bush over the government's response to Hurricane Katrina, and lashed out at awards shows when he didn't win.

Since the airport scuffle, West has been publicly derided for seizing the stage from Taylor Swift during this year's MTV Video Music Awards after she became the first country star to win for best female music video.

He has repeatedly apologized for the incident and told talk show host Jay Leno that he was taking time off from music to reflect on his behavior.

Michelle Obama's gripe: President's tennis game

BURBANK, Calif. (AP)—What's President Barack Obama's most annoying habit?

Practicing his speeches for hours in front of the bathroom mirror? Talking too much foreign policy at the dinner table?

No—first lady Michelle Obama said Friday it's his tennis game. When they play, the president usually wins.

"He beats me quite often," she said on NBC's "The Jay Leno Show," appearing via satellite hookup from the White House. "That gets to be pretty annoying."

The show was taped for airing later Friday evening.

In a brief skit, Leno pushed her to talk about her husband's flaws. At first, she sarcastically said he has none.

"He's perfect," she quipped.

Then she let it out: It's their

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In this Oct. 15, 2009 file photo, first lady Michelle Obama addresses guests during the Miami Dade College Florida Campus Compact's annual Awards Gala and Luncheon in Miami.

battles on the tennis court that get her peeved.

It also looks like Bo—the Obamas' dog—is living like a king. The first lady said the presidential pooch celebrated his first birthday earlier this month with a Rose Garden party.

Bo, a Portuguese water dog, feasted on a cake shaped like a dog house that was made out of veal.

"We had a really sweet celebration," the first lady told Leno. "We had party hats."

The first lady told Leno there are White House secrets she will never reveal—she refused to divulge what daughters Malia and Sasha are wearing for Halloween.

"You need security clearance for that," she said.

Leno also wanted to know what she whispers to her husband after his speeches.

"I usually ask him did he take out the garbage," she said.

Garth's still got it: Brooks' Vegas shows sell out

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Garth Brooks mused that the public may have moved on when he announced he was coming out of retirement.

Was he ever wrong.

Tickets for Brooks' first 20 shows at the Wynn Las Vegas resort sold out in less than five hours. The resort said Saturday it reached maximum capacity for callers at 141,934, with many getting busy signals.

Officials say the ticket Web site had more than 5.4 million page views with 40,000 waiting to buy tickets online at one point.

Brooks announced a five-year deal with casino owner Steve Wynn last week that includes

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Wynn Resorts Chairman and CEO Steve Wynn, right and country music star Garth Brooks speak during a news conference in Las Vegas, Thursday, Oct. 15, 2009.

15 weeks of shows a year in the Encore theater, which seats about 1,500. Tickets were $125 plus fees.

Brooks, the best-selling solo act in history, plays Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays of select weeks beginning Dec. 11.

Warhol portrait of Michael Jackson up for auction

AP

This image provided by Christie's Images Ltd., shows a Michael Jackson portrait painted by Andy Warhol in 1984.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Christie's auction house will offer up a portrait of Michael Jackson by Andy Warhol in New York on Nov. 10.

The auction house told The Associated Press on Friday that the 30-by-26-inch portrait should fetch an estimated $500,000 to $700,000. It's one of a small group of Warhol silk-screened images of Jackson created in 1984.

The painting depicts Jackson smiling in a "Thriller"-era jacket, with squiggles of red and yellow in his hair.

Deputy chairman Brett Gorvy says the seller is an anonymous private collector in New York who bought it from the Andy Warhol Foundation in the 1990s.

The image is part of 47 lots being auctioned, including two other Warhol paintings.

A New York art gallery sold a similar Warhol portrait of Jackson in August to an anonymous buyer. The gallery would not disclose the price, but said it was more than a million dollars.

Husband insists on repeating cruel prophecy about his son

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My brother, "Luke," died young due to drug addiction. When our son, "Adam," misbehaves, my husband blames me. He says Adam is going to end up "just like Luke," and it will be my fault.

My mother bailed my brother out of his problems, but I have never done that with our son. I have told my husband numerous times how cruel it is to suggest Adam could end up like Luke, but he continues to say it and then "remind" me if it happens, it will be because of me.

My husband is a wonderful man in every other way, but he doesn't seem to realize how hurtful and unnecessary his cruel words are when he compares our son to my brother.

SAD MOM IN TEXAS

DEAR SAD MOM: Wake up and smell the coffee. Your husband realizes exactly how cruel that comparison is, and has since the first time you expressed how deeply hurtful it was. I see nothing helpful or constructive about comparing your son to a boy who died too young and too soon. If it's said in front of Adam often, it could become a self-fulfilling prophecy. (Nothing like the power of suggestion.)

So stop feeling victimized and demand that your "wonderful" husband cut it out, because if something should happen, the fault will be HIS.

DEAR ABBY: I work at a school as an educational assistant. There are fewer than 100 kids in the entire high school, and I have gotten to know them all. When I go around the small neighborhoods trick-or-treating with my little ones, I see the high school kids in their costumes as well. They are well-behaved and having a good time.

Some of the teachers say the kids are too old to be trick-or-treating and they should "get a life." Well, their "life" is this small town, and I see nothing wrong with them participating in a good time along with the younger ones. They're not causing trouble. There is very little for them to do outside of school and sports, and Halloween is an opportunity for them to have fun.

What's your opinion? Are high school-age children too old to trick-or-treat?

CONCERNED FOR THE KIDS

DEAR CONCERNED: I see nothing wrong with the high school kids dressing up and having a good time trick-or-treating on Halloween. The teachers who feel the kids are too old should be less critical. A positive—and age-appropriate—alternative would be for the school to arrange a party or a dance that evening. Considering the fact that it's a small town and the student body is small, it should be manageable.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are Civil War re-enactors. (My husband is a cannon soldier and I am a nurse re-enactor.) We would greatly appreciate it if you would remind your readers that if they come to any of the re-enactments to please not talk to the participants while they are firing weapons in "battle" because it could distract them. Something could go wrong and they could be badly injured. Thank you, Abby.

CIVIL WAR RE-ENACTOR IN ELMIRA, N.Y.

DEAR RE-ENACTOR: I'm pleased to pass along your important reminder. It would be a shame if someone became a casualty of a war that ended in 1865. People who attend a war re-enactment should realize they are watching a performance, and not participating in "history."

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

THE STRANGEST THING HAPPENED TO ME A FEW MINUTES AGO.
OH? WHAT?
I WAS MINDING MY OWN BUSINESS, WHEN SUDDENLY I WAS ZAPPED INTO SOME SORT OF SPACE VOID VORTEX!
THERE I WATCHED HELPLESSLY AS AN EVIL DUPLICATE OF MYSELF FROM A PARALLEL UNIVERSE TOOK MY PLACE ON EARTH, AND...
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE NOW?
NO, NO, SEE, IT WASN'T ME...
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Garfield®

By Jim Davis

NOW, NOBODY PANIC! WE'RE ALL SAFE IN HERE!
THERE'S NO WAY A BIG, STUPID, BLOODTHIRSTY MONSTER LIKE THAT CAN FIGURE OUT A LOCKED DOOR!
DING-DONG
I'LL GET IT!
I WONDER WHO THAT COULD BE?
JIM DAVIS 10-26
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Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

LOOK AT THE COST OF THESE HALLOWEEN COSTUMES!
GOOD GRAVY! A $70 SPIDER-MAN!
PREPOSTEROUS! IN MY DAY, WE MADE COSTUMES FROM SCRAPS AROUND THE HOUSE.
ONE HALLOWEEN, I WENT AS A BLIND GHOST.
A "BLIND" GHOST?
YEAH, WELL, MY MOM WOULDN'T LET ME CUT HOLES IN HER SHEETS.
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The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

YOU KNOW WHAT I HATE MOST ABOUT FALL? ALL THE BURNING LEAF SMOKE. IT REALLY MESSES WITH MY ASTHMA.
YOU'RE RIGHT, ELVIN. IT'S VERY ANNOYING.
ENO, WHY DON'T YOU DO THAT OUTSIDE!
IT'S KINDA CHILLY OUT THERE.
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CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Brownish songbird
5 Tiny
8 Large (Pref.)
12 God-parents, e.g.
14 "Once — a time"
15 Barack Obama, e.g.
16 Exploit
17 Stocking stuffer?
18 Soft and weak
20 Actor Benjamin
23 Sandwich shop
24 Depend (on)
25 Insists on
28 Yoko of music
29 Break a Com-mandment
30 Discover-er's cry
32 One bordering on divine
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35 Soon, in verse
36 Rotates
37 Sound system
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10 Capricorn
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13 Edin-burgh resident
19 Level
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21 Tear to bits
22 Lotion additive
23 English cattle breed
25 Humani-tarian
26 Gloomy
27 Tibia's place
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34 Com-punctions
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Solution time: 24 mins.

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Saturday's answer 10-26

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Cary Elwes, 47; Lauren Tewes, 55; Jaclyn Smith, 62; Pat Sajak, 63

Happy Birthday: You will hit emotional barriers if you try to dive into household changes too quickly. Do your research and find out what your options are before you make any decisions. Share your thoughts and ideas with creative people who are already into something similar. There is no room for arguing or anger this year. Your numbers are 3, 8, 13, 24, 26, 38, 46

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): A little give-and-take will show your ability to adapt to whatever you face and come up with workable solutions. A relationship can become a great partnership, professionally and personally. Your enthusiasm will enhance your reputation. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Someone you rely on will disappoint you by leaving you in an awkward situation regarding promises you made to others. A serious, responsible attitude regarding your financial situation will help to clear some debt you've incurred. ✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): There is an opportunity awaiting you. Long-range statistics will help you make up your mind. Sending your resume and/or going for an interview will all be met with satisfaction and a brighter future. ✪✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Getting out and away from your normal surroundings may not be your idea of a good time but the experience will spark some interesting ideas and help you make a decision. If you don't choose to alter your course, the choice may be made for you. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): You'll have plenty to think about regarding your home life and the people you are involved with personally and professionally. Don't let anyone cause you anxiety or lead you to believe that you have to follow through with someone you aren't happy about. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): You need to engage in more entertaining activities. It will help you develop new ideas you can implement into your work and daily routine. Concentrating on your health and fitness will ensure that you are up for the opportunities ahead of you. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Put time and effort into your personal and social life and you will develop relationships that will help you excel. An idea you have been mulling over should be taken to the next stage. Love and romance will unfold if you send the right signal. ✪✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Do the unexpected and you will be able to outmaneuver anyone trying to get the better of you. Maintain a certain amount of control both at home and work if you don't want to lose ground. Be subtle but intent. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Stick to what you know and do best. If you pretend to have a handle on things, you will fall short of your goals and promises. Avoid sudden changes or decisions that can have repercussions. ✪✪✪

CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Poor directions or misinterpretation will cause upset and wasted time. Map out what you want before you get into a lengthy conversation that can lead you down the wrong path. Emotional upset is apparent. ✪✪✪

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AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): You have lots going for you and a chance to make headway financially, legally and personally if you set your plans in motion. Don't hold back when there is so much you can do to please others as well as yourself. Love is on the rise and romance should be your intent. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Don't let someone else's uncertainty cause you to miss out. It's important to view things as they are and deal with each situation constructively and objectively. It's time to move forward with a contract, settlement or agreement. ✪✪✪

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Game 6 of AL championship series postponed by rain

AP

New York Yankees' Mariano Rivera walks through the team's dugout after Game 6 of the American League Championship baseball series between the Yankees and Los Angeles Angels was postponed because of rain Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009, in New York.

NEWYORK (AP)—An hour after Game 6 of the AL championship series was postponed, there was Andy Pettitte in a nearly empty Yankee Stadium, drenched in the pouring rain.

With his short hair soaked and sweat shirt dripping, the New York Yankees' pitcher played catch in the outfield and ran light sprints through thick puddles on the warning track before finally grabbing some cover in the dugout.

Admittedly eager, Pettitte will have to wait for his chance to close out the Los Angeles Angels. Game 6 never started Saturday night and was rescheduled for 8:20 p.m. Sunday.

"The worst part of it is just the wait. This was the longest day ever. And I was just about to start getting in my routine and they come walking in there and tell me it got canceled," Pettitte said. "You realize it's a rainout. Get ready to do it tomorrow. But it's just frustrating from the standpoint it's just such a long day, when you're so ready and so anxious to get the game going."

The Yankees lead the best-of-seven series 3-2 and need one victory to clinch their 40th pennant and reach the World Series for the first time since 2003. Game 7, if necessary, will be Monday in New York at 7:57 p.m.

If lefty Joe Saunders and the Angels can push the series that far, the rainout could benefit them. No. 1 starter John Lackey, who took a shutout into the seventh inning of Game 5, could be available to pitch on three days' rest.

"I think it benefits both teams certainly for resetting a bullpen and some things. It's going to give us more options to look at, absolutely," Los Angeles manager Mike Scioscia said. "We still have our whole staff out there for tomorrow. John Lackey is not—he's still in play tomorrow. We'll get through Game 6. There's no sense talking about a Game 7."

Back home in sunny California, the Angels staved off elimination with a stirring comeback victory in Game 5 on Thursday night. Does the postponement Saturday stall their momentum?

"I don't think it has that much to do with it. Guys are ready," Scioscia said. "I'm sure it's the same way in the other clubhouse. And again, as we talked about a little bit before, momentum is nice after you win a good game. But you've got to come back and rebuild it pitch by pitch. That's what we're going to have to do tomorrow."

Rain had been falling off and on in New York since Friday night. A steady drizzle, with occasional spurts of heavy downpour, kept the tarp on the field all afternoon. The game was called by Major League Baseball nearly 2 hours before the scheduled first pitch of 7:57 p.m.

When 8 p.m. rolled around, it was teeming in the Bronx.

"The one thing is, you don't want to stop and start," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "So I respect the decision that they made. I'm sure both clubs would have loved to have played. The weather is not permitting."

Saunders remains scheduled to start Game 6 for Los Angeles against the 37-year-old Pettitte, who is looking to set a pair of major league records. The Yankees' left-hander owns four series-clinching wins among his 15 career postseason victories—both tied for the most in baseball history.

"I just feel like I'm a byproduct of a lot of great teams, a lot of great players that have been surrounding me and have been helping me be able to do those things," Pettitte said.

Girardi will stay with Pettitte on Sunday night rather than switch to ace CC Sabathia, who would be on regular rest.

Sabathia, 3-0 with a 1.19 ERA in three playoff outings this year, would start Game 7 if needed. If not, he could pitch the World Series opener Wednesday night at home against Philadelphia.

Sabathia tossed eight strong innings on three days' rest in a 10-1 victory over the Angels on Tuesday.

"I never thought that they would skip me," Pettitte said.

And Girardi never considered it.

"Andy has pitched in a ton of big, big games in his career. We just like him in this spot. We're not looking ahead. I don't think you can afford to look ahead," Girardi said. "We're going to stick with Andy and give CC an extra day. ... The extra day we think could physically help him."

Because of first-round sweeps and all the off days built into the playoff schedule, the Angels and Yankees have both played eight games in 20 days since the regular season ended Oct. 4.

"I think that's the wrong template for baseball," Scioscia said.

Saunders, however, didn't sound bothered by the rainout.

"Come tomorrow, game on. Turn the switch on again," he said.

Even after the announcement, several Angels played catch in the outfield. Jered Weaver said all the Los Angeles pitchers were able to get their regular workouts in.

Weaver pitched in relief in Game 5. He would be slated to start Game 7 if the Angels don't switch to Lackey.

"That's our horse. He has a little bit more experience in these situations," Weaver said. "I'm here to do whatever they need."

Lackey didn't want to look that far ahead.

"I've been working out and watching football," he said. "We've got to win tomorrow."

A.J. Burnett, who started Thursday night for New York, deliberately skipped his side session Saturday so he could be available out of the bullpen in Game 6 and possibly Game 7.

The gates opened at Yankee Stadium about an hour before Game 6 was postponed. Fans holding tickets for Saturday must use them Sunday night.

"Maybe the extra day helps us more. I'm not really sure. I'm sure there will be a lot written about it," Girardi said. "We've had a lot of rain in New York this year. So we've been through this a lot."

Angels outfielder Torii Hunter was caught off guard, though. He packed for a short stay in the Big Apple.

"I've got to go find a shirt," he said.

Matteson sets PGA Tour record with 2nd straight 61

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP)—Troy Matteson had never shot a 61 until this week. Now he's done it twice in a row to set a PGA Tour record.

His second straight 9-under round at the Frys.com Open on Saturday gave him a three-shot lead at 16-under 194 heading into the final day of the third stop in the tour's Fall Series.

Matteson's 122 score in consecutive rounds broke the tour record of 123 set this year by Steve Stricker in the third and fourth rounds of the Bob Hope Classic.

"With the year I've had, it's—first of all—it's undescribable," Matteson said.

Webb Simpson (64), Tim Clark (65) and Chris Stroud (65) were tied at 13 under. Second round co-leader Rickie Fowler (69) and Nick O'Hern (67) were in a group of five at 12 under.

In an amazing stretch, Nicholas Thompson had a double eagle on the par-5 11th, followed by a hole-in-one on the par-3 13th, a drop of five shots in three holes. He finished with a 65 to tie Justin Leonard (69) at 11 under.

"He needs to go straight back to Vegas and put some money down," said Matteson, who teamed with Thompson at Georgia Tech.

Bill Lunde (65), Jamie Lovemark (65) and Ryan Moore (67) also were at 12 under.

Fowler was just two shots back before a double bogey on the par-4 17th.

"There's a little bit of life out there, you know, if you get things going a little bit," he said. "But the double at 17, ... killed the momentum."

Greg Owen, the other second-round co-leader, struggled to a 3-over 75 and was far back in a tie at 8 under.

Clark, who lives in Scottsdale, says three shots are not a lot to make up.

"This course, if you start to struggle, you can shoot over par easy," he said. "And obviously playing great, like Troy has done the last two days, you can shoot 9 under. So three shots is nothing."

Conditions couldn't have been better on the par-70 sun-splashed desert Raptor Course layout at Grayhawk Golf Club, playing at a short 7,013 yards. The result was some amazing shots, including two other aces, both on the 198-yard 16th.

The first, by Ted Purdy with a 5-iron, won him a Mercedes, which he kissed after making the shot. Chad Campbell later had one on the same hole, using a 6-iron.

But nothing could top Thompson's stunner.

He hit a 3-wood approach 261 yards into the hole on the 562-yard 11th. Thompson couldn't see it go in the hole and the Golf Channel didn't catch the shot.

"I heard some claps and I think, `Nice, it's on the green,'" he said. "And I see a guy throw his arms up in the air and I'm like, `Yes, tap-in eagle.' Then I hear them roar and I'm like `Wait a minute. That's a double eagle. Yes!"

Two holes later, he grabbed his 6-iron and sent the ball soaring toward the pin on the par-3, 199-yard third hole.

"I underclubbed it purposely so that I could land it short of the pin over the false front," Thompson said. "I mean, I flushed it and I hit it good. I was like, `Oh, be as good as you look.' Apparently it was."

Thompson was 5 under for those two holes - and 5 under for the day. What made the difference?

"I didn't have to putt," he joked.

Matteson, who turns 30 next month, has one tour victory—at a different Frys.com Open in 2006. That Las Vegas tournament is now known as the Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospital for Children Open.

This event was known as the Frys Electronics Open in 2007 and became the Frys.com Open last year.

Matteson ranks 131st on the money list and was hoping just to make the cut after shooting a 2-over 72 in the opening round.

"You know, it's just a struggle. Nothing would go in," he said. "All of a sudden I come out here the next day and it's like, `Voila, there it is.'"

Starting the day two shots off the lead, he had four birdies on the first nine to make the turn at minus-11. He overcame his lone bogey of the day, on No. 13, with birdies on 14 and 15, then capped his day with birdies on the last two holes.

"You know, just making a lot of birdies out there and keeping my ball in play," Matteson said. "A lot of close opportunities, that's really the key out here. How many times can you hit it inside five, 10 feet. Twenty feet just doesn't cut it out here."

Matteson tied the 18-hole record for the three-year-old tournament. It was set by Kevin Stadler, whose 61 last year followed a first-round 81 and he missed the cut.

NBA, referees agree to deal, ending lockout

NEW YORK (AP)—The regular referees made the call. They're coming back to work.

The referees union and the NBA agreed on a two-year contract Friday, ending a lockout of more than a month and saving the league from using replacements when the regular season starts.

The officials voted to ratify the deal that was reached earlier this week. No details of the vote were provided, nor were terms of the agreement.

"We are pleased to reach this agreement," NBA commissioner David Stern said in a statement. "The negotiations extended further than either side had hoped, but when our regular season tips off on Tuesday we'll have the best referees in the world officiating our games."

The referees union didn't comment.

The 57 referees were set to begin a three-day training camp Saturday and be ready when the regular season starts Tuesday night. The league used replacement officials during exhibition play.

The referees' contracts have usually been for five years, but the NBA consented to a two-year deal at the request of the union, which hoped it could renegotiate sooner with the economy hopefully in better shape.

The sides agreed on a salary structure that would give the refs a slight raise in the second year, but they remained apart on proposed changes to the referees' pension and severance packages, as well as a plan to develop younger officials by having them work in NBA games.

AP

Utah Jazz head coach Jerry Sloan, right, questions official Biel Banaria after a technical foul was called against the Jazz' Deron Williams, during the third quarter of an NBA preseason basketball game in Sacramento, Calif., Friday, Oct. 23, 2009.

The contract between the league and the National Basketball Referees Association expired Sept. 1, and the league announced on Sept. 18 that it was locking out the officials, saying they had rejected its final contract offer.

The NBA decided to go with replacements late last month after the referees rejected a deal the league said its negotiators had already agreed to.

That raised the possibility of the league starting the season with backup officials for the first time since 1995. But progress was made in a meeting this week at league headquarters that included Stern, who rejoined the talks this week at the request of the referees.

He previously had withdrawn from negotiations after the referees' lead negotiator Lamell McMorris criticized the commissioner's behavior.

"It was always our intention to make a deal and our hope. I thought that perhaps the rhetoric had gotten a little bit too heated and it would be better for me to withdraw," Stern said earlier Friday during a conference call.

"But it was requested by the other side that I return and that they were coming in to make a deal and they asked me to be there, and I thought I owed them out of my respect to them to honor that request."

The league used a roster of 62 replacements, mostly from the NBA Development League and WNBA, during the lockout. Stern said the backups "responded very well" and predicted that many would referee NBA games again.

Replacement officials were criticized for calling too many fouls, though the amount decreased later in the exhibition season, which ended Friday night.

"As the preseason went on, they were better," Houston coach Rick Adelman said. "I don't think they were arrogant, or anything like that. They gave the explanations, and they were doing the best they could.

"The first couple (games) were just foul after foul and call after call, and there was no rhythm to the games," Adelman added. "After that, I thought it settled down fairly well. They just called things differently than the normal officials. They're pretty much going by the book."

Winless Bucs hoping for turnaround in London

LONDON (AP)—The winless Tampa Bay Buccaneers are in London and hoping the change of scenery will finally help them get their season back on track.

Unfortunately, they'll have to beat the New England Patriots (4-2) on Sunday at Wembley Stadium to turn things around.

"I'm sure we're a major underdog. They've got the great Tom Brady, Randy Moss," Buccaneers running back Cadillac Williams said Saturday. "(But) anytime you step out there on Sunday you give yourself a chance."

The Bucs (0-6) have lost 10 straight games and face a team that beat the Tennessee Titans 59-0 last week.

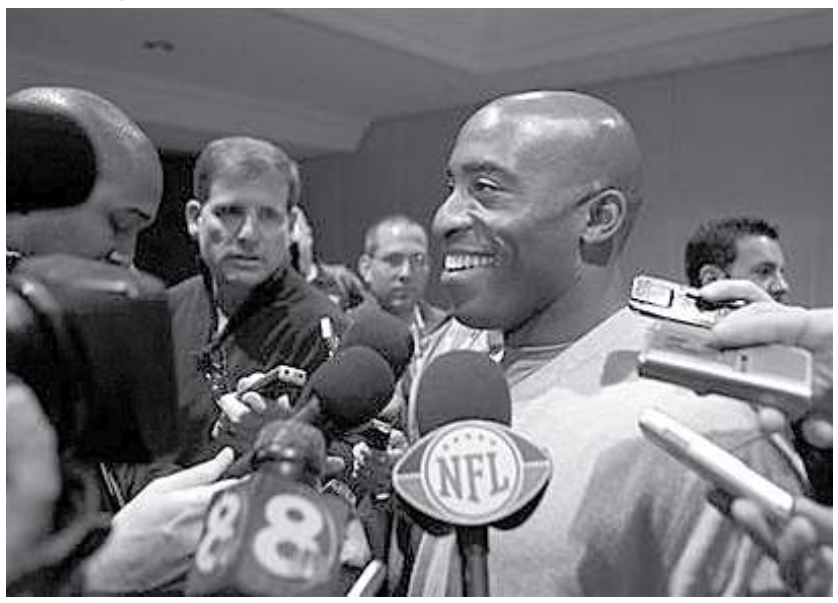
Buccaneers coach Raheem Morris said the Patriots have many assets, including "their head coach, their quarterback, their receiving corps, their defense."

"Everything about the New England Patriots is a great model to follow," Morris added. "It's a great team that you want to be like."

The Patriots arrived in the British capital on Friday morning and were able to get in a light practice in the afternoon, but the Buccaneers landed late that same day. And because of rain Saturday, neither team was able to complete a walkthrough at Wembley.

"It kind of feels like a high school game almost, where you don't maybe prepare as much as you do normally during the week," Buccaneers linebacker Barrett Ruud said. "There is a little bit of a shortage on preparation."

Last year, the New Orleans Saints and San Diego Chargers spent about a week in London to get acclimated. The New York Giants and Miami Dolphins only arrived a few days before their game two years ago, when the NFL played a regular-season game in Europe for the first time.



AP

Tampa Bay Buccaneers cornerback Ronde Barber answers a reporter's question during a media availability at the NFL football team's hotel in London, Saturday afternoon, Oct. 24, 2009.

The Buccaneers are the "home" team this time, and quarterback Josh Johnson will be looking for the advantage when the game kicks off.

"It all starts here," Johnson said. "We maybe lost one game where a team physically beat us. We've been in games. We have cost ourselves."

Cornerback Ronde Barber tried to stay realistic about facing a team that scored 59 points last week.

"We understand where we are this season. We're not naive to that fact," Barber said. "But at the same time, we're professionals, they're professionals. We're not going to lay down for them, that's for sure."

Patriots coach Bill Belichick has said he is concerned about Tampa's running game, but Morris isn't worried about what others think.

"I appreciate coach Belichick for giving us compliments, but he's just trying to lull us to sleep," Morris said.

The trip to London is a first for many of the players, but for some there is no time to sample what the city has to offer.

"If you ask if I'm enjoying London, no," Morris said. "I got Bill Belichick waiting for me tomorrow. I won't be able to enjoy London until the offseason."

NBA BRIEFS

Wizards' Jamison to miss 8-13 games with injury

WASHINGTON (AP)—Antawn Jamison's ailing shoulder will keep him off the court well into the regular season. The Washington Wizards announced an estimated recovery time for Jamison's injury Friday, saying he's likely to miss the first eight to 13 games. The two-time All-Star forward partially dislocated his shoulder trying to block a shot in an exhibition game against Cleveland on Oct. 14. The Wizards originally ruled him out for the rest of the preseason until the injury could be re-evaluated this week. Team president Ernie Grunfeld said doctors have had a chance to look at the shoulder again, and that Jamison is expected to be out three to five weeks. The news is another blow for a franchise that has had three straight seasons marred by injuries to marquee players. Gilbert Arenas and Brendan Haywood barely played last season, and DeShawn Stevenson missed more than half of the games as the team finished 19-63, one of the worst marks in franchise history. Jamison had a healthy year, missing only one game and leading the team in scoring at 22.2 points per game. He also averaged 8.9 rebounds. Andray Blatche and offseason acquisitions Fabricio Oberto and Mike Miller will vie for more playing time during Jamison's absence. The Wizards open the season in Dallas on Tuesday.

Former Kings guard Bobby Jackson retires

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—Bobby Jackson is retiring from the NBA. The 12-year veteran guard, who spent six seasons with Sacramento, made the announcement Friday night before the Kings' preseason finale against the Utah Jazz. Jackson averaged 9.7 points per game in his career. He was the league's Sixth Man of the Year in 2002-03 with averages of 15.2 points, 3.7 rebounds and 3.1 assists. The former University of Minnesota star played for Sacramento last season but was not re-signed in the offseason. "It's a tough day for me because I'm retiring from professionally playing the game I love," he said. "But it's also a happy day because I'm retiring on my own terms." Jackson will work with the Kings as an ambassador, promoting the team in local appearances and handling some scouting.

Beasley involved in new photo flap

MIAMI (AP)—Michael Beasley has been thrown into another photo flap. Seven pictures of the Miami Heat forward asleep on a boat have been posted on celebrity Web site TMZ.com, including one with several beer bottles and cans on a nearby table. The pictures were taken on a team outing earlier this month. The 20-year-old Beasley said Saturday that he does not drink, and the ship's captain released a statement saying the player did not "consume or even touch" alcohol on the trip. Team officials also insisted Beasley did nothing wrong. Another compromising photo was posted to Beasley's now-closed Twitter account over the summer, around the time he was a patient at a Houston rehabilitation facility, receiving treatment for substance abuse. Beasley said he now values sobriety.

Iverson a 'longshot' to play in Grizzlies' season opener

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—For the first time in his career, Allen Iverson vows to take the advice of others instead of listening to his body. That means the 10-time All-Star could miss Memphis' season opener Wednesday night against his former team, Detroit, as he recovers from a partly torn left hamstring. While upbeat and pain-free after a workout before sitting out the Grizzlies' exhibition finale Friday night against Charlotte, Iverson indicated there's a good chance the Grizzlies' medical staff won't clear him for the opener because of fears he's not completely healed. "They're saying it's a possibility, but it's also a long shot," Iverson said on playing against the Pistons. "You know that's one of the ones I definitely want to play." Iverson said he won't be out long, however, as his rehab progresses well from the injury suffered in a scrimmage Oct. 4. While he sat out all eight exhibition games, he started more involved workouts this week. After not traveling with the team to Miami, he joined the club in Charlotte Thursday night. Iverson said he feels great, has no pain in his leg and can run and cut without trouble. But he also said he's going to listen to the advice of others because the 34-year-old has never had this injury.

GUAM

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In the mixed event, Metgot swept the 500m and 1,500m races. In the 1,500m race, Metgot timed in at 9:10.81to prevail over Japan's Ohana Hoe (9:68.3) and Hong Kong's Lantau (9:78.5). In the shorter 500m race, Metgot whipped Ohana Hoe anew, with the former posting 2:87.7 against the latter's 3:04.13.Galaide completed the Top 3 with its 3:02.9.

The 12-mile long distance races were scheduled yesterday with Metgot winning against 10 other participants.

Metgot completed the exhausting race that brought paddlers out of the reef in 1:33:39, beating home favorite SOCC (1:35:04). Haggan finished third (1:39:29).

The women's long distance race had a neck-and-neck battle with Poksai winning over Metgot. Poksai timed in at 1:37:28, reaching the finish line less than a minute ahead of Metgot (1:38:10). Fote was third with its time of 1:47:36, followed by Fatuul (1:49:26), Mas Poksai (1:49:25), and Lantau (1:52:12).

The mixed event in the 12-mile race was also scheduled yesterday afternoon, but results were unavailable at press time.

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victory also foiled a sort of back-to-back KOD finale appearance from Advance players. Most of Advance players suited up for Shell Marianas, which represented Saipan in last year's KOD in Meyuns, Palau.

Down by four runs, 7-11, going into the last inning, the X-Terminators made one final push to extend the game, but fell short. Advance needed to win Game 1 of the finals, as SaiPal advanced to the championship with a twice-to-beat edge.

The X-Terminators seemed headed for a Game 2 when they moved within one, 11-10.

Advance's 10th run was courtesy of sacrifice fly to rightfield by J.J. Laniyo. The X-Terminator's two other runs at the top of the seventh were courtesy of an RBI single each from Jerry Ayuyu and Mel Sakisat.

SaiPal was one out away from wrapping up the match when Laniyo flied out.

Centerfielder Ben Mesa then batted next and singled to keep Advance's hopes alive. With runners on first and second base, Pauline Tudela stepped up to the plate and swung. However, there wasn't so much power in her hit and SaiPal caught another fly ball with centerfielder Payton Sakuma delivering the game-winning catch.

Joining Sakuma on SaiPal's roster are Clifton Sillil, Lefty Shiro, J.D. Dikito, Leo Bobai, Didi Tudela, Hector Efraim, Kuich Damian, Beverly Ngirmekur, and Lawrence Dikito.

SaiPal will play against champion teams from Guam, Palau, and Pohnpei in the KOD finale that will run Nov. 12 to 14.

Only three teams fought for the KOD ticket in the Saipan leg finals after Natibu withdrew from the weekend event.

Advance X-Terminators and Kulan Zamu started the Saipan finals with the former winning in the first game, 5-4. SaiPal, which was originally set to duel Natibu in the first round, was awarded the win via forfeiture and collided against the X-Terminators in the second round. SaiPal prevailed, 9-6, to advance to the finals and gain a twice-to-beat advantage. Advance had to meet Kulan Zamu again in the loser's bracket and won, 10-4, to earn a rematch against SaiPal.

Advance was favored to win the Saipan leg after ruling the first two qualifying tournaments. SaiPal topped the third qualifier, while Kulan Zamu earned a wild-card. Natibu finished second to Advance in the second qualifier, but still got a slot in the Saipan leg finale, as the latter had already secured a spot in the finals.

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called Mangarero's name, the latter was stunned and drew a loud cheer from the crowd. Mangarero took the champion's purse of $500 and waved the check to the crowd, who were still applauding his win.

Mangarero's victory in the RGA Memorial Classic was highlighted by two birdies on the front nine (par-5 No. 1 and par-3 No. 6).

Taylor, who tamed the Talafofo course with a 1-under par 35 on the front nine and 2-under par 34 on the back for a gross of 69, settled for the $400 prize. He has 0-handicap for a net score of 69.

Taylor was also a runner-up in the low gross division, as he lost to Adam Hardwicke in the tiebreak. The -1.2-handicapper Hardwicke also tallied a 35 and 34 on the front and back nines, respectively, but took the low gross prize of $200 when he birdied the second playoff hole (par-4 No. 6) against Taylor's par. Both golfers saved par in the first playoff hole (par-4 No. 18).

With his gross 69 and net 70.2, Hardwicke finished fourth in the low net division and added $200 to his coffers. Completing the Top 6 were Asterio Tawanpiy (net 69.6), Tony Rogolifoi (70.4), and Nick Sablan (70.6).

Tawanpiy had a hot start with a 1-under par 35 in the first nine holes before slowing down in the last nine with a 7-over par 43 for a gross 78. Rogolifoi tallied a 41 and 45 on the front and back nines, respectively, for a gross 86, while Sablan had a gross 73, built on a 1-under par 35 on the front nine and a 2-over par 38 on the back.

In the women's low gross category, Shirley Jones won with her gross 93. Jones played consistent at the Talafofo course with her 47 and 46 on the front and back nines, respectively.

In the closest to the pin contest, the winners were Tars Olopai (No. 8), Jesse Seman (13), Joe Saures (No. 4), J.P. Flores (No. 3), Ben Duenas (No. 2), Ralph Yumul (No. 6), and Sonny Flores (No. 15 and 18).

More than 40 players joined the RGA Memorial Classic, which was a fundraising event with proceeds to be donated to Tanapag Elementary School.

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means a big future, maybe even now.

3. San Antonio Spurs:

2008-09 record: 54-28, No. 2 (tie).
New: Richard Jefferson, Antonio McDyess, Theo Ratliff, Keith Bogans, second-round pick DeJuan Blair.
Gone: Bruce Bowen, Fabricio Oberto, Kurt Thomas, Drew Gooden, Ime Udoka.

The team that won four titles from 1999 to 2007 limped through the last two seasons before the crowning indignity, last spring's 4-1 first-round loss to Dallas. Missing the player they wanted, Rasheed Wallace, who went to Boston, the Spurs still found long-sought replacements. If they're not The Spurs they are still capable of moving back up, if not all the way to a title, enough to let the Lakers know they're still around.

4. Denver Nuggets:

2008-09 record: 54-28, No. 2 (tie).
New: No. 1 pick Ty Lawson, Joey Graham, Arron Afflalo.
Gone: Dahntay Jones, Linas Kleiza.

No one expected the Nuggets to do what they did ... and few expect them to do it again. Stability remains an issue with Coach George Karl dangling on the last year of his deal, amid the usual front-office infighting. Nevertheless, with Chauncey Billups chilling out J.R. Smith and Kenyon Martin and helping Carmelo Anthony grow up, they're good, too.

5. Utah Jazz:

2008-09 record: 48-24, No. 8.
New: No. 1 pick Eric Maynor.
Gone: No one of note.

With Carlos Boozer out 45 games and Deron Williams averaging 9.8 points in November on a bad ankle, they were still on a 50-win pace until finishing 2-7 to fall into the Lakers' lap in the first round last spring. In a surprise, Boozer wasn't traded to unload his salary. With everyone back, they're still young, tough, deep and ready to go back where they belong.

6. Dallas Mavericks:

2008-09 record: 50-32, No. 6.
New: Shawn Marion.
Gone: Devean George

Dear guys, keep it close while I think of something. Your pal, Mark Cuban. After a 2-7 start, they finished 48-25 under underrated Coach Rick Carlisle and upended the Spurs in the first round. With Dirk Nowitzki fond of Cuban and looking for reasons to stay, they gave Jason Kidd, 36, a three-year deal and acquired Marion. That should keep them up there, if not too far.

7. Phoenix Suns:

2008-09 record: 46-36, No. 9.
New: Channing Frye.
Gone: Shaquille O'Neal.

Sometimes you add by subtraction, as Branch Rickey said, and they did, unloading O'Neal ... whom they, alone, had thought could fit in the first place. They're back to Suns ball under former Mike D'Antoni assistant Alvin Gentry. Amare Stoudemire's expiring contract may become an issue but no one could guard Stoudemire and Steve Nash before and it won't be much easier now.

8. New Orleans Hornets:

2008-09 record: 49-33, No. 7.
New: Emeka Okafor, Bobby Brown, Ike Diogu, No. 1 pick Darren Collison, Darius Songaila.
Gone: Tyson Chandler, Rasual Butler, Antonio Daniels, Melvin Ely.

Comers no longer, they dropped five places in the West. Bumbling Owner George Shinn has until 2012 before Chris Paul's deal is up. Okafor will help but they're still thin and small. Management is already grumbling about 2008 coach of the year Byron Scott, on the last year of his contract with no extension forthcoming, so at least they have a scapegoat ready.

9. Los Angeles Clippers:

2008-09 record: 19-63, No. 14.
New: No. 1 pick Blake Griffin, Sebastian Telfair, Rasual Butler.
Gone: Zach Randolph, Mike Taylor.

After three progressively worse seasons, capped by 2008-09's mail-in, there are few, indeed, who think they won't mess this up, too. This one will really take some work. With Baron Davis bent on reclaiming his name, two seven-footers and wunderkinder Griffin and Eric Gordon, this almost has to work, whether now or in the future, with or without Davis and/or Coach Mike Dunleavy.

10. Houston Rockets:

2008-09 record: 53-29, No. 5.
New: Trevor Ariza, David Andersen, Pops Mensah-Bonsu
Gone: Ron Artest, Brent Barry.

At least they don't have to worry about the health of their Big Two now. Yao Ming is already gone for the season and Tracy McGray is years beyond making a difference. They're still tough when reduced to their role players, as the Lakers learned in last spring's seven-game series, but it won't do over the long haul.

11. Oklahoma City Thunder:

2008-09 record: 23-59, No. 13.
New: Etan Thomas, Serge Ibaka, No. 1 pick James Harden.
Gone: Earl Watson, Chucky Atkins.

If this were a 25-and-under league, you'd really like their chances. Kevin Durant, who just turned 21, must now do the hardest thing of all: turn those stats into wins. Russell Westbrook, 20, and Thabo Sefolosha, 25, may be the game's most athletic backcourt, with versatile Jeff Green, 23, alongside Durant. That leaves them one center and another year or two away.

12. Memphis Grizzlies:

2008-09 record: 24-58, No. 11 (tie).
New: Zach Randolph, Allen Iverson.
Gone: Hakim Warrick.

They're pitiable no longer. Michael Heisley melted his team down to sell it but, three years later and with no buyers in sight, geared back up, getting Randolph and Iverson to go with promising O.J. Mayo, Rudy Gay and Mike Conley. It would be a bigger surprise if Randolph and Iverson can play together, or with the other guys. But, at least, they can play.

13. Golden State Warriors:

2008-09 record: 29-53, No. 10.
New: GM Larry Riley, No. 1 pick Stephen Curry, Acie Law, Devean George, Mikki Moore.
Gone: GM Chris Mullin, Jamal Crawford, Marco Belinelli.
Almost gone: Stephen Jackson?

Making the Lakers and Clippers look lucid, the Warriors toppled Mullin last season, presumably for sticking up for suspended Monta Ellis, who's still upset. Jackson, their new leader, just turned in his captaincy after getting suspended for saying he wanted to be traded, too. Meanwhile, the Big Kahuna, Don Nelson, has bailed on way better situations than this.

14. Sacramento Kings:

2008-09 record: 17-65, No. 15.
New: Coach Paul Westphal, No. 1 pick Tyreke Evans.
Gone: Coaches Reggie Theus and Kenny Natt; Brad Miller.

Kurt Rambis turned down the Kings' two-year, $3-million "offer," leaving the cigarette and blindfold, er, job for the personable Westphal. Fortunately or not, they have more talent—Kevin Martin, prospects Evans, Jason Thompson, Spencer Hawes—than patience. Theus won peers' admiration, going 38-44 in his debut, then was fired after starting last season 6-18 with Martin out ... after which they went 11-47.

15. Minnesota Timberwolves:

2008-09 record: 24-58, No. 11 (tie).
New: Coach Kurt Rambis, GM David Kahn, No. 1 pick Jonny Flynn, Ramon Sessions.
Gone: Coach/head of basketball operations Kevin McHale, Randy Foye, Mike Miller.

This is the team Rambis chose? In a memorable debut, Kahn drafted point guards Ricky Rubio and Flynn at Nos. 5 and 6, before Rubio chose FC Barcelona. Rambis goes from all those Lakers seven-footers to 6-9 Al Jefferson and almost 6-8 Kevin Love up front—or will when Love returns in a month or two, and assuming Jefferson's sore Achilles is OK. Well, you have to start somewhere.

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SCOTTSDALE, Arizona (AP) — Scores Saturday from the Frys.com Open, a $5 million US PGA Tour event at 7,125-yard, par-70 Grayhawk Golf Club:

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Chris Stroud	67-65-65—197
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Nick O'Hern	63-68-67—198
Ryan Moore	66-65-67—198
Rickie Fowler	65-64-69—198
Nicholas Thompson	66-68-65—199
Justin Leonard	66-64-69—199
Robert Garrigus	70-65-65—200
Stephen Ames	66-66-68—200
Ben Crane	66-67-67—200
Heath Slocum	64-68-68—200
Nathan Green	69-66-66—201
Pat Perez	66-67-68—201
Martin Laird	67-72-62—201
Jonathan Byrd	70-66-66—202
Mark Wilson	68-67-67—202
Tim Herron	68-68-66—202
Carl Pettersson	70-67-65—202
Bo Van Pelt	67-68-67—202
Bryce Molder	67-65-70—202
Greg Owen	65-64-73—202
D.A. Points	65-71-67—203
Chad Campbell	68-67-68—203
Ryan Palmer	69-66-68—203
Tim Petrovic	66-71-66—203
Alex Cejka	67-67-69—203
Brian Vranesh	68-66-69—203
John Merrick	72-65-66—203
Arron Oberholser	68-69-66—203
Spencer Levin	66-71-66—203
Peter Tomasulo	68-65-70—203
Rocco Mediate	67-66-70—203
Ted Purdy	72-67-64—203
Billy Mayfair	66-70-68—204
Tom Pernice, Jr.	67-69-68—204
Fred Couples	67-69-68—204
Steve Flesch	69-68-67—204
Chris Riley	70-67-67—204
Scott McCarron	67-67-70—204
D.J. Trahan	69-64-71—204
John Mallinger	70-68-66—204
Mike Weir	66-67-71—204
Matt Bettencourt	69-70-65—204
Stuart Appleby	70-65-70—205
Rory Sabbatini	65-72-68—205
Chez Reavie	70-67-68—205
Tom Lehman	68-65-72—205
Kent Jones	71-67-67—205
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J.J. Henry	69-67-70—206
Jeff Klauk	66-70-70—206
Vaughn Taylor	69-66-71—206
Matt Jones	67-68-71—206
Paul Goydos	66-70-70—206
Bob Heintz	64-73-69—206
Chris DiMarco	68-69-69—206
Colt Knost	71-66-69—206
Brett Quigley	68-70-68—206
Charlie Wi	69-69-68—206
Jason Gore	70-68-68—206
Greg Chalmers	70-69-67—206
Mark Calcavecchia	71-68-67—206
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Peter Lonard	69-68-70—207
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The Week in Sports

Runners sprint way to week's headlines

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Two running events gave Saipan runners the opportunity to make it to last week's headlines.

Saipan International School hosted the 9th SIS 5K Fun Run and had Ketson "Jack" Kabiriel and Suzy Kindel as winners in the men's and women's divisions.

"The Road Runner Bunny" completed the race that started and ended in Banzai Cliff in 19 minutes and 41 seconds to successfully defend the title he won last year. Kabiriel defeated Mike Brown (19:51) and Kam Bae Ji (20:43).

Kindel checked in at 24:19 to top Tatiana Cho (27:36) and Melanie Daly (27:54).

Mamiko Oshima-Berger missed the SIS fundraiser and failed to defend her title in the women's division, as she had to leave Saipan early for a race in Guam. However, she still managed to add another medal to her collection when she ruled the women's sub-master division of the 2009 Guam Gatorade Ko'ko' Road Race.

Berger clocked in at 1:38:38 in the half marathon race to finish ahead of Japan's Fumiko Kobayashi (1:47:14) and Guam's Tamami Smith (1:47:17).

Besides Berger, three other Saipan runners competed in the 20-kilometer race. They were Mamiko's husband, Joshua, Kabiriel, and Matthew Mancao.

Kabiriel was also entered in the sub-master division and finished in the Top 3. He crossed the finish line at the 1:31:46 mark to finish third behind the Philippines' Pepito Deapara (1:17:25) and Japan's Shingo Bamba (1:25:13).

Mancao timed in at 1:37:05 to place 33rd overall and 14th in the open division. Berger participated in the senior division and was in the top half of the finishers list, timing in at 2:10:05 (194th).

Back to a road race on Saipan, Nate Hawley missed the 2008 pre-Hell of Marianas race, but participated in this year's 50-kilometer contest in record-breaking fashion.

Hawley finished the race that started and ended at Pacific Islands Club at 1:39:18.53, shattering the 1:44:47 Jazy Garcia posted in 2008. Completing the Top 3 finish were

Ariel Garcia (1:39:19) and PIC general manager Kieran Daly (1:39:19.62).

Mieko Carey was sixth overall in the road bike category, but was the first female finisher after submitting 1:39:22. She outraced last year's winner Kimiko Hasegawa (1:59:27) and Heather Kennedy (2:02:17).

Four days after the pre-Hell of Marianas race, Carey left for Maui Hawaii for the 2009 XTERRA World Championships. She was with her husband, Kevin, and Tinian's Joshua Manglona. The two male triathlete are both competing in the amateur division, while Carey is entered in the pro category.

Carey is among the Saipan triathletes expected to join in next year's XTERRA Saipan Championship, which will continue to be part of Saipan Sportsfest.

The Crown Jewel of the XTERRA Global Tour and the region's longest running triathlon will return for another stint, as the 2010 Saipan Sportsfest has been set from March 11-20, according to Taga Inc. president Wolf Mojica.

Also pushing ahead as scheduled next year is the 7th Micronesian Games despite reports on problems finding funding for the quadrennial meet.

Raphael Zapanta had no trouble in the Saipan Bowling Association's October roll-off, as he easily took his 10th straight monthly plum title after ruling the Fiji Water Prince/Princess of the Lanes Tournament.

Also prevailing in the October tournament were Raul Dumapit and Diane Camacho, who notched the Budweiser King and Queen of the Lanes titles.

In golf, the Korean tandem of Jong Won Lee and Paul Yu led the winners in the 2nd Annual Saipan Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament.

In basketball, the 2009 IT&E Inter-Government/Business Basketball League is nearing the end of the regular season, as it played several make-up games last week.

CPA-Accounting was the second team to finish its assignment in the regular season after beating the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, 82-58. CPA-Accounting closed out its campaign with a 6-5 slate. Host IT&E was the first team to complete the regular season and holds a 10-1 mark.

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Suzy Kindel, right, is joined by a few runners near the finish line during the 9th Annual Saipan International School 5K Fun Run in Marpi.

SAIPAN TRIBUNE
Mamiko Oshima-Berger, seen here heading to the finish line during the Banzai Memorial Half Marathon and 10K Fun Run in Marpi in September this year, joined Sunday's 2009 Guam Gatorade Ko'ko' Road Race and topped the women's sub-master event.

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Ketson "Jack" Kabiriel races to the finish line during the 9th Annual Saipan International School 5K Fun Run held in Marpi.

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Budweiser Queen of the Lanes winner Diane Camacho is flanked by runners-up Ron Cal, left, and Emi Williams.

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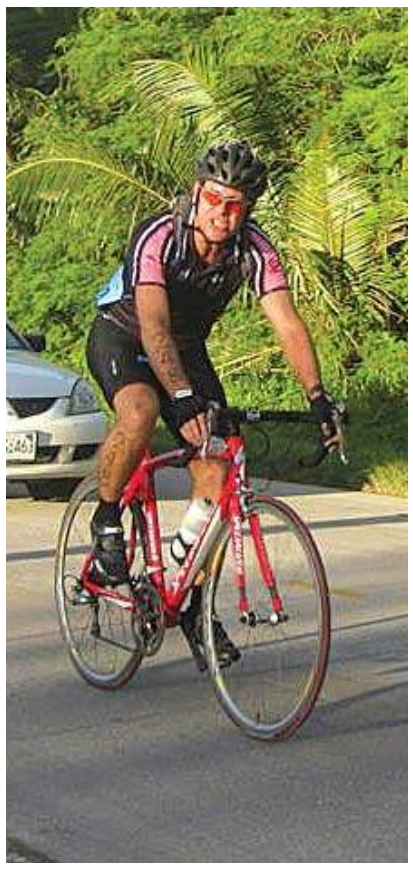
From left, Kevin Carey, Mieko Carey, and Joshua Manglona pose for a group photo in Maui, Hawaii, venue of the 2009 XTERRA World Championship.



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Russ Quinn is one of the bikers who joined the 2008 pre-Hell of Marianas race.

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CPA-Accounting's Barry Maratita, center, challenges the defense of CHC's Norris Kwon, left, and Tom Diaz during their game in the IT&E Inter-Government/Business Basketball League at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Runners sprint way to week's headlines

Two running events gave Saipan runners the opportunity to make it to last week's headlines.

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Game 6 of AL championship series postponed by rain

An hour after Game 6 of the AL championship series was postponed, there was Andy Pettitte in a nearly empty Yankee Stadium, drenched in the pouring rain.

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Guam paddlers dominate Micro Cup

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Guam paddlers went into cruise control in the 11th Micronesian Cup outrigger canoe competition held over the weekend in the waters off Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

In the sprint races on Saturday, Guam's Poksai ruled both the women's 1,500 and 500m events. Poksai timed in two minutes, 88.7 seconds in the 500m race to beat fellow Guam teams Animun Tasi Metgot (2:89.2) and Animun Tasi Fote (3:15.3). Poksai also finished first in the preliminary race with a better time of 2:88.02, followed by Metgot (2:89.03), Mas Foksai (3:14:01), Fote (3:20.79), Taotao Galaide (3:21.30), and Saipan's Fatuul (3:32.32). Mas Foksai (3:16.44) settled for fourth in the finals and Galaide (3:22.06) and Fatuul (4:15.04) remained in fifth and sixth places, respectively.

Poksai, Metgot and Fote had a similar 1-2-3 finish in the women's 1,500m finals with the eventual champion timing in at 9:43.7. Metgot submitted 9:78.8, while Fote clocked in at 10:29.01. Mas Fokai was fourth with a time of 10:44.91, followed by Galaide (11:07.53) and Fatuul (11:09.96).

In the men's division, Animun Tasi Metgot finished the 1,500m race in 8:60.5, beating Saipan Outrigger Canoe Club (8:66.27) and Haggan (8:68.8). SOCC topped Heat 1 of the preliminary race with a time of (8:66.50), while Metgot prevailed in Heat 2 (8:61.4). Palau's Waterfall and Guam's Napu Haga, and Guatdan Tasi finished in the Top 2 in the repechages to advance to the final race.

SOCC broke Guam's streak in the sprint races on Saturday when it won the men's 500m event. The host timed in at 2:45.6 to down Haggan (2:48.3) and Napun Haya (2:32.3). Fote and Metgot finished only fourth and fifth with their times of 2:34:58 and 2:37.6, while Guatdan Tasi was last at 2:44.37.

SOCC was faster in the preliminary race in Heat 1, as it recorded 2:32.78, while Haggan had the fastest time in the qualifier with 2:29.02. Napun Haya, Metgot, Fote, and Guatdan Tasi made it to the finals after winning in the repechages.

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Animun Tasi Metgot paddlers celebrate their victory in the 12-mile race in the 11th Micronesian Cup outrigger canoe competition held over the weekend in the waters off Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan. Inset, Metgot (in red uniform) and Poksai are in a close race in the women's division.

SaiPal stuns Advance in KOD qualifier

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SaiPal booked a ticket to the 2009 Budweiser King and Queen of the Diamonds Softball Tournament after pulling off an 11-10 upset over Advance X-Terminators in the finals of the Saipan leg qualifier on Saturday at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

SaiPal made two defensive stops at the top of the seventh inning to gain a slot to the KOD grand finale, which will be held on Saipan next month. SaiPal's

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Advance X-Terminators' Pauline Tudela, left, collides with SaiPal pitcher Gloyd Martin near the home plate during their championship game in the Saipan leg of the 2009 Budweiser King and Queen of the Diamonds Softball Tournament on Saturday at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

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Mangarero tops RGA Memorial Classic

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A surprised Manny Mangarero claimed the championship in the 2009 RGA Memorial Classic on Saturday at the Kingfisher Golf Links.

The 12-handicapper Mangarero shot a 38 on the front and 42 on the back, giving him a net score of 68 and a one-stroke win over runner-up Jeff Taylor.

It took RGA tournament director Jess Wabol a while to announce the winner of the double-peoria contest, as he was joking around with players and the eventual winner, who was clueless on the results of the tournament.

Mangarero, RGA's vice president, was standing next to Wabol during the awards presentation, assisting in giving prizes to the Top 6 placers. When Wabol

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Manny Mangarero raises a check worth $500, which he won in the 2009 RGA Memorial Classic on Saturday at the Kingfisher Golf Links.

West preview: Defending champion Lakers even stronger

2008-09 record: 65-17, No. 1 in West.
New: Ron Artest.
Gone: Trevor Ariza.

It's nice when champions get even stronger, not to mention good timing. With rivals regrouping, they won't win the West by 11 games again. I don't even expect them to win 65 again. Ariza fit effortlessly and Artest is Artest, but the key is Andrew Bynum, lost last spring, relocated this fall. If Bynum gets over the hump, they're still the best thing going.

2. Portland Trail Blazers:
2008-09 record: 54-28, No. 2 (tie).
New: Andre Miller, Juwan Howard.
Gone: Channing Frye.

Like the Lakers, speculation revolves around their new player, Miller, but the real question is their young center. Greg Oden, a bust as a rookie, averaged 14 points and 9.7 rebounds in 22 minutes this preseason. With their own dynamic duo, Brandon Roy and LaMarcus Aldridge, a big move by Oden

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